

Peaceful Assembly at CSU

Congress shall make no law respecting.. abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right Of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. - First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

Peaceful assembly at Colorado State University is an acknowledged right, as published in the General Catalog. This flyer has been produced to help educate University and Community members about both the general policy as well as specific University policies and procedures related to assembly. In addition, a paraphrase of laws relevant to rallies, demonstrations and gatherings has been included.

General Policy:

The University acknowledges the right of students and others to assemble in groups for peaceful purposes. At such gatherings, the University expects the rights and privileges of all persons to be respected and that there will be no endangerments to health or safety. Such gatherings must in no way disrupt the normal conduct of University affairs or endanger University property.

The University may, consistent with the Constitution, establish reasonable regulations regarding the time, place and manner in which persons exercise their free speech rights to the extent necessary to prevent disruption of the normal conduct of University affairs or endangerment of health and safety of persons or damage to property. Accordingly persons planning such assemblies on the University campus must coordinate their activities and plans in advance through the Lory Student Center Event Planning Office. This coordination is requested so as to prevent disruption of normal University educational activities and avoid endangering the health or safety of persons or damage to property. The sponsoring individual or group must assume responsibility for compliance with all state and municipal laws and University policies. Assistance from staff is available to help plan such events, and the assistance of University police may be requested to help with traffic or crowds.

Any act by demonstrators or groups which interferes with the rights of others, disrupts the normal functioning of the University, damages property, or endangers health or safety is grounds for suspension or dismissal from the University and/or removal from University property. In addition, such actions may also be the basis for criminal charges by law enforcement authorities. Demonstrations are prohibited in any special-use facility, classrooms, or in any instance which interferes with educational functions. Demonstrators refusing to vacate premises upon request are subject to immediate temporary suspension and arrest under applicable municipal and state laws.

Some Specifics To Consider:

LOCATION:

The Lory Student Center Plaza has been designated as the "Public Forum" space for Colorado State University--open to all individuals for the purpose of free speech; the

"public forum" area does not allow for the setting up of tables, booths, etc, by non-University entities. The physical parameter of the Plaza includes: the south boundary of the Plaza is the northern most edge of the new paving stones. The west boundary is the stone seating wall and the flower beds are the east boundary. The north edge of the boundary is to the edge of the stairs on the north end.

To reserve space on the Lory Student Center Plaza contact the Event Planning Office at least 14 days in advance of the event. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Entire Plaza reservations are limited to registered student organizations and campus departments and are restricted to 3 days total per semester.

It is the responsibility of the sponsoring organization to contact the Colorado State University Police Department at least 14 days before the event to determine if security arrangement and traffic control are deemed necessary.

Groups that have not reserved the Lory Student Center Plaza for Peaceful Assembly may be asked to reschedule based on the University's availability to safely support the event.

If students have concerns about the decisions made by the Event Planning Office, they can ask that the decision be reviewed by the Director of the Campus Activities Center. Final appeals process shall follow those established by the Lory Student Center.

AMPLIFICATION:

Amplified sound on the Lory Student Center Plaza is permitted during normal office hours of the Event Planning Office. Sound levels are not to exceed 80 decibels at any point. Due to the proximity of classrooms, offices, laboratories, and the library, an Event Planning Office staff member will closely monitor the sound level.

Signs, Placards, Etc.: Paper and/or cardboard signs are encouraged. Chalking is allowed on the horizontal concrete ground (not on paving stones or walls) and must be at least 10 feet away from any entrance of the Lory Student Center. For public safety concerns the following are not allowed: wires, rope, sticks, chains, and any object that might injure oneself or others.

RESOURCES:

To contact the Event Planning Office please call 491-0229

To contact the Colorado State University Police Department please call 491-6425

To contact the Campus Activities Center please call 491-6626