

Administrative Regulation 9:1

Regulations Governing Time, Place, and Manner of Meetings, Demonstrations, and Other Assemblies (Interim Regulation)

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I. Introduction

Consistent with the United States and Commonwealth Constitutions, all members of the University community have a right to free expression, assembly, and advocacy in a peaceful manner. The University does not impose restrictions on speech except where such restrictions are reasonable, justified without reference to the content of the speech, narrowly tailored to serve a significant university interest, and leave open ample alternative channels of communication. This Administrative Regulation is established in order to facilitate the effective use and enjoyment of University facilities for the exercise of such rights and to minimize conflict between the form of their exercise and the rights of others in the effective use of University facilities.

II. Demonstrations, Meetings, or Assemblies

Planned or spontaneous demonstrations, meetings, or assemblies may be conducted in those appropriate areas of the campus that are regularly available to the public, provided such demonstrations, meetings, or other assemblies:

- A. Are conducted in a lawful and peaceful manner;
- B. Do not prohibit vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
- C. Do not interfere with the normal operations of the University (classes, other scheduled meetings, events, ceremonies, and other educational processes);

- D. Do not involve the possession of firearms, weapons, torches, sticks, poles, or other items that may be used as weapons (Demonstrators may carry signs or flags as long as those signs or flags are not attached to a stick or pole.);
- E. Are conducted at the times and places described in Section IV of this regulation; and
- F. Are conducted only with specific authorization when held in areas described in Section V of this Regulation.

III. Reservation of Facilities

Reservation of appropriate University grounds, areas, facilities, or other University property for the purpose of conducting a demonstration, meeting, or other assembly is granted, subject to the restrictions contained in Section II, to certain organizations and/or individuals. In all instances, the organization's representative or the individual must be present when the facility or area is being utilized pursuant to the reservation. University organizations, groups, and individuals may reserve space:

- A. Registered student organizations, in accordance with the "[Regulations Governing the Use of University Facilities by Registered Student Organizations](#)" (AR 9:2);
- B. Members of the University faculty and staff, for extracurricular events related to their University duties; and,
- C. Official alumni groups and similar University-related organizations, and colleges, schools, departments, and other units of the University, for events directly related to the University's mission.

IV. Outdoor Spaces

The University of Kentucky does not impose restrictions on the time, place, and manner of speech that occurs peacefully in the outdoor areas of the University's campus and is protected by the United States and Commonwealth Constitutions unless the restrictions are reasonable, are justified without reference to the content of the regulated speech, are narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest, and leave open ample alternative channels for communication of the information.

Speech in the outdoor areas between university buildings is subject to the following reasonable content-neutral restrictions:

- A. Speakers may not be in the streets, parking lots, grassy areas adjacent to or near parking lots, or on sidewalks.
- B. Speakers may be in areas adjacent to sidewalks provided the speaker and audience do not block pedestrian traffic.
- C. Except with an approved reservation pursuant to Section V.G. of this regulation, speakers may not be in the Patterson Plaza (the area south of the Patterson Office Tower, north of Miller Hall, east of the Main Building, and west of the White Hall Classroom Building).
- D. Speakers may not be in the area within the fence at Maxwell Place, and the outdoor areas immediately adjacent to the University of Kentucky Medical Center (including University of Kentucky Good Samaritan Hospital).

- E. Speech involving the use of tables, stationary displays, or the exhibition of images, or the amplification of sound is limited to areas designated by the Vice President for Student Success and requires a prior reservation.
- F. Speech after 7:00 P.M. and before 7:00 A.M. is limited to areas designated by the Vice President for Student Success and requires a prior reservation.
- G. The University temporarily may restrict expressive activities in areas that are otherwise open for expressive activities when those areas have been reserved for a University approved function.
- H. The volume and direction of sound amplification equipment is under the supervision of the Executive Director for the Student Center.

V. Areas Requiring a Reservation

The following restricted areas may be utilized on a reservation-only basis:

- A. All areas within a building or university athletic stadia;
- B. Intramural fields and other recreational areas;
- C. Amphitheaters;
- D. Parking lots, grassy areas adjacent to or near parking lots, and Parking Structures;
- E. Courtyards and areas immediately adjacent to residence halls;
- F. Main Building Lawn; and
- G. The Patterson Plaza (the area south of the Patterson Office Tower, north of Miller Hall, east of the Main Building, and west of the White Hall Classroom Building)

Information about available University facilities and the offices responsible for reserving such facilities is set out in the appendix. Necessary forms for completion and specific procedures and regulations regarding the use of such facilities may differ from building to building or area to area; appropriate forms may be obtained from the person designated as responsible for reserving the specific facility or area listed.

VI. Prohibited Areas

No unauthorized demonstration, meeting, or other assembly may take place within or upon the following prohibited areas:

- A. The University of Kentucky Medical Center (including Good Samaritan Hospital) and its adjacent grounds, sidewalks, and parking areas;
- B. Maxwell Place and its adjacent grounds, sidewalks, and parking areas; and,
- C. All streets and driveways utilized for vehicular traffic.

VII. Enforcement

- A. Responsibility for enforcement of this regulation rests with the Vice President for Student Success, or designee. If the Vice President for Student Success or designee believes that an area or facility is being improperly used or believes the users of the area are acting imprudently, the Vice President for Student Success will take appropriate action.
- B. Failure to comply with the directions of the Vice President for Student Success or designee may result in charges of violation of the Code of Student Conduct, or of other University regulations in the case of non-student members of the University community, being placed by the Dean against offending parties. Those failing to comply also are reminded that they may be found in violation of the law if so determined by a law enforcement official on the scene.

References and Related Materials

AR 9:2, Regulations Governing the Use of University Facilities by Registered Student Organizations

AR 4:10, Code of Student Conduct

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Appendix (University Facilities and Responsible Office for Reservations)

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