

Number: UWF/REG – 5.050
Title: Speech, Assembly and Public Expression in Outdoor Areas on Campus

I. Freedom of Speech, Assembly and Public Expression

The freedoms of speech, peaceful assembly, and expression are basic and essential freedoms that the University strives to protect. Reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions will be enforced so that the activities do not materially and substantially disrupt the orderly functioning of the University, infringe upon or interfere with the academic programs and administrative processes of the University, or upon the rights of other individuals or organizations to engage in expressive activities. Enforcement will be content neutral.

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- (g) use fighting words to inflict violence or incite a reasonable person to violence or other breach of the peace by their mere utterance;
- (h) damage property of the University, including lawns, shrubs, or trees;
- (i) use sound amplification, including bullhorns, except as approved in advance in writing as set forth in this regulation and within sound limits that will not disrupt normal University operations;
- (j) harass passersby or otherwise disrupt normal activities;
- (k) interfere with scheduled University ceremonies or events.

VI. Duty to Identify for Disruptive Action or Conduct

In the event of disruptive action or conduct, University employees and students involved in demonstrations shall identify themselves by presenting appropriate documents such as ID cards when requested to do so by the President or designee(s), and such representative will identify her/himself when making this request. Demonstrators not officially related to the University of Wes

University of West Florida Police Department or other law enforcement personnel under applicable laws or University regulations, policies and procedures.

IX. Notice to University and Request for Use of Amplification Equipment

Although it is not necessary for a person to obtain prior permission from the University for expressive activities, it is strongly encouraged that such persons contact the University Commons and Event Services office for scheduling purposes at least two (2) business days in advance in order to make adequate arrangements for safety and security and to assure such activities do not interfere with the University's mission and operations. The University Commons and Event Services office may be contacted at the University of West Florida, 11000 University Parkway, Building 22, Pensacola, Florida 32514; 1.850.474.2406, 1.850.857.6117 or servicedesk@uwf.edu

Request for permission to use amplification equipment may be submitted in writing to the University of West Florida, Department of Environmental Health and Safety, 11000 University Parkway, Building 95, Pensacola, Florida 32514-5750, 1.850.474.2525, facsimile 1.850.857.6425 or envhs@uwf.edu at least two (2) business days in advance.

Any person or organization that is denied permission for a proposed use of amplification may appeal such denial in writing to the Provost or his/her designee within two (2) business days after receipt of a written denial from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted as limiting the right of expressive activity so long as the expressive activities do not violate any content neutral law, regulation, policy or other restrictions designated in this regulation.

X. Exclusions

This regulation does not govern commercial speech and the handing out of pamphlets or other printed material at the University. Commercial speech and distribution of written materials at the University of West Florida is governed by the regulations, policies and rules addressing those respective topics. Use of University buildings and facilities are governed by UWF Regulation 2.005, not this regulation.

Specific Authority: Florida Statutes §§ 877.13, 1001.706, 1004.097, 1006.61.

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