Northwestern State University Policy on Public Speech, Assembly and Demonstrations

Based on 1st & 14th Amendments but does indicate that these freedoms are not absolute.

Northwestern State University has the right to regulate registration of an event considering the time, place and manner of public speech, assembly and demonstration.

Registration:

Complete application form (see page 2) including specified requests for event approval

Apply at least 24-48 hours or more prior to the actual event date

Processing may take up to 72 hours for non-student groups or groups outside the campus community

Dean of Students, or designee, makes every effort to approve applications quickly; however, applicants may not take action until an application is approved

Requested event cannot:

interfere with another approved event

interfere with University operations

be scheduled during other major University events—as determined by Student Affairs

Time: Limited to one, 2-hour time period every 7 days, commencing on Monday

Place: University designated 3 specific campus locations:

Student Union Plaza

Prather Coliseum East Parking Lot (next to the tennis courts facing the coliseum)

Green Space between CAPA and Varnado Hall

*The person or organization applying will choose only 1 location.

Manner:

Approved by Dean of Students or designee

Peaceful

Restricted to specified location

No harmful acts, destruction or defacement of property, physical assaults or threats thereof

May not display or threaten to use or display firearms, explosives or weapons of any type

Amplification devices cannot be used in the Student Union Plaza

May not obstruct, disrupt, or attempt to force the cancellation of any event sponsored by the University or by any users authorized to use University facilities

May not block ingress or egress to roadways, buildings, exterior patios or plazas or gathering places

Speech cannot be projected into private areas or so to disrupt University classes or administrative functions

Sanctions:

Individuals and student groups/organizations are subject to all sanctions in the NSU Student Code of Conduct. Individuals and student groups/organizations are subject to all sanctioning under the local, state and federal laws.

Non-Endorsement

University does not endorse any group and makes no guarantees f

Application for Public Speech, Assembly or Demonstration

Any individual or organization may publically demonstrate in a peaceful manner after attaining the permission of the Dean of Students, or designee. Email coninef@nsula.edu, write or visit room 309 Student Union, NSU, Natchitoches, LA 71497, call Ph. 318-357-5286, or FAX, 318-357-6502.

This application must be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Students at least 24 hours (students) or 72 hours (individuals or groups not affiliated with the University) prior to the date of the event. Note: It may take up to 72 hours for approval.

1.	The applicant's name:			
2.	Organization represented			
3.	Current Address:			
	Street or house #: City:	Sta	te:	Zip Code:
4.	Phone Number:			
5.	Email			
6.	Student ID or DL# if non-student			
7.	Date of birth			
8.	The proposed location from designated areas			
9.	The date and time for the assembly or demonstration			
10.	The anticipated number of participants			
11.	List of authorized representatives of the organization who w	vill be present alon	g with	their contact informati
	(attach list);			
12.	The purpose of the assembly or demonstration			
13.	Signature of the applicant or, if an organization, authorized	representative		
14.	Approved:			
	Dean of Students, or designee			

The applicant is responsible for any facility use fee along with any charges associated with the required University support staff, i.e. police officers.

The Dean of Students, or designee, shall approve properly completed application unless there are reasonable grounds to believe that:

- a. the applicant or organization is under a disciplinary penalty prohibiting publicly assembling or demonstrating;
- b. the applicant or organization is under state or federal indictments or court orders;
- c. the applicant or organization failed to follow policy at a previously scheduled event;
- d. the proposed location is unavailable or inappropriate at the time requested;
- e. the proposed date and time are unreasonable or not made in a timely manner;
- f. the assembly or demonstration would unreasonably obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
- g. the speech will constitute a clear and present danger to the institution's orderly operation, to students, faculty or staff, or property, through advocacy of immediate action.