

Demonstrations on University Property

Texas State University is a public institution and supports the free exchange of ideas which includes freedom of speech, freedom of inquiry, and freedom of dissent. Texas State respects the right of individuals to express their social and political views through all forms of legally protected speech, press, and assembly. Texas State upholds the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The common outdoor areas of the university are traditional public forums, subject to such reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of individual expression as the president, or designee, may impose.

Understand your rights as a demonstrator:

- Can engage in free speech activities in outdoor locations on university property
- Can engage in free speech activities on outdoor university property without restriction to content or viewpoint
- Can use signage, exhibits, and other symbols to convey messages

Acknowledge that the university can impose time, place, and manner restrictions that are content-neutral:

- Do not block exit and entry points
- Do not block accessibility to walkways, buildings, etc.
- Do not utilize amplified sound in unapproved locations (ie. quad)

Respect the legal rights of participants, observers, and passersby

- Do not physically touch another individual
- Do not vandalize property

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Student Involvement and members of the Demonstration Team may be present during a demonstration to monitor activity and address safety, time, place, and manner adherence. Failure to adhere to directives from these University officials, or University Police, may result in a verbal warning, student conduct sanctions, or criminal charges. Examples of activities that are not allowed are covered in the Code of Student Conduct outlined in the Student Handbook.



Policy



Code of
Student Conduct



Additional
Resources

Contact Information:
Student Involvement
LBJ Student Center 4-11.1
512.245.3219