



## Regulations Governing Time, Place, and Manner of Meetings, Demonstrations, and Other Assemblies

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The University of Kentucky recognizes and confirms the right of all members of the University community to free expression, assembly, and advocacy. In order to facilitate the effective use and enjoyment of the facilities of the campus at Lexington for the exercise of such rights and in order to minimize conflict between the form of their exercise and the rights of others in the effective use of University facilities, the following regulations are herewith established.

- A. Planned or spontaneous demonstrations, meetings, or assemblies may be conducted in those appropriate areas of the campus which are regularly available to the public, provided such demonstrations, meetings, or other assemblies:
1. Are conducted in a lawful and orderly manner;
  2. Do not prohibit vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
  3. Do not interfere with classes, other scheduled meetings, events, and ceremonies or with other educational processes of the University; and
  4. Are conducted only with specific authorization when held in (a) University buildings, (b) University stadia or amphitheaters, (c) residential areas of the campus, or (d) other areas available by reservation only.
- B. Reservation of appropriate University grounds, areas, facilities, or other University property for the purpose of conducting a demonstration, meeting, or other assembly will be granted, subject to the restrictions contained in Section A, to the following described University organizations, groups, and individuals:
1. Registered student organizations, in accordance with the "Regulations Governing the Use of University Facilities by Registered Student Organizations" (AR 9:2), on file and available at the office of the Director of the Student Center;
  2. Members of the University faculty and staff, for extracurricular events related to their University duties; and
  3. Official alumni groups and similar University-related organizations, and colleges, schools, departments, and other units of the University, for events directly related to their purposes and in keeping with the University's role as an educational institution.

The individual responsible for reserving a particular facility or area, or that individual's designee, must be present when the facility or area is being utilized pursuant to the reservation.

C. The following designations and accompanying regulations pertain to the use of specific categories of University facilities and areas for the purpose of conducting any demonstration, meeting, or assembly. All areas must be utilized in a lawful and orderly manner, and are subject to those restrictions contained in Section A.

1. Designated Unrestricted Areas. No reservation is required for utilization of the designated unrestricted areas listed below. However, in unusual circumstances, reservation of a designated unrestricted area may be granted by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for the Lexington Campus at the Vice Chancellor's discretion.

a. Free Speech Area. The Free Speech Area is located west of the Student Center and Alumni Gymnasium and bounded by those two buildings, Administration Drive, Limestone Street, and Euclid Avenue.

The Free Speech Area is available 24 hours per day when the University is officially in session and shall be made available to organizations and groups as defined above, as well as to individual members of the University community. Sound amplification will be provided upon request during established operating hours of the Student Center, subject to 30 minutes prior notice necessary for proper hook-up and adjustment. The volume and direction of sound amplification equipment is under the supervision of the Director of the Student Center.

b. Student Center Patio. The Student Center Patio is available during the established operating hours of the Student Center and when not previously scheduled by the Student Activities Board. Sound amplification will be provided upon request, subject to 30 minutes prior notice necessary for proper hook-up and adjustment. The volume and direction of sound amplification equipment is under the supervision of the Director of the Student Center.

2. Restricted Areas. The following restricted areas may be utilized on a reservation-only basis:

- a. Indoor facilities;
- b. Intramural fields and other recreational areas;
- c. Stadia and amphitheaters;
- d. Parking lots;
- e. Residential areas of the campus; and
- f. Administration lawn.

A list of available University facilities and the offices responsible for reserving such facilities is appended hereto. 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.

3. Prohibited Areas. No unauthorized demonstration, meeting, or other assembly shall take place within or upon the following prohibited areas:

- a. Chandler Medical Center 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.
- D. Use or continued use of the above areas and facilities, as well as other areas and facilities not designated above, for demonstrations, meetings, or other assemblies and gatherings shall be subject to the "rule of reason" -- i.e., subject to the judgment that the manner of use of the area is what could be expected of a reasonably prudent person. Thus, the use or continued use of any such areas may be denied if, for example, the activity blocks doorways, causes noise which interferes with classroom, office, or other University activity, or presents an imminent threat of physical violence or destruction of property.

The responsibility for making such a determination and decision rests with the Dean of Students or the Dean's designated representative. If the Dean or the Dean's designated representative believes that an area or facility is being improperly used or believes the users of the area are acting imprudently, the Dean shall:

1. Warn the offending group or individuals that continued misuse will not be permitted;
2. Recommend alternative locations or means of expression;
3. Instruct the offending individuals or the assembled group to vacate the area;
4. Cite individuals or groups for violation of University regulations;
5. Request assistance of law enforcement officials; or
6. Any combination of D.1, D.2, D.3, D.4, and D.5.

Failure to comply with the directions of the Dean of Students or the Dean's designated representative 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.

- E. Where numbers in excess of 20 are involved, authorized organizations, individuals, or groups as provided under Section B may engage in parades and marches upon University property, provided a designated representative of the sponsoring organization, individuals, or group meets with the Dean of Students and the Director of Public Safety, or their authorized representatives, at least one hour prior to the commencement of the parade or march. This meeting shall be for the purpose of agreeing upon an appropriate route which will not interfere with, impede, or otherwise disrupt the normal functions and processes of the University, or otherwise interfere with the rights of others in their effective use of University facilities and property.
- F. Other than that being utilized for University-authorized and scheduled academic activities or other University-sponsored activities and with the further exception of those provisions for use of sound amplification equipment in designated areas specified in Section C, the use of amplified sound equipment except bullhorns in any area of the University campus is prohibited unless a specific, written exception has been granted by the Dean of Students Office.

## References and Related Materials

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## Revision History

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For questions, contact: [Office of Legal Counsel](#)

# Appendix

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## University Facilities and Responsibility for Reservation Thereof

<b><u>Facility</u></b>	<b><u>Responsible Office</u></b>
Agricultural Science Auditorium	Management Operations Office
Alumni Gymnasium	Director, Campus Recreation
Amphitheatre	Director, Student Center
Buell Armory	ROTC Office
Carnahan House Conference Center Office	Conferences and Institutes
Center for the Arts Concert Hall Reception Room Recital Hall	Office of the Director
Chemistry-Physics Building Auditorium	Office of University Registrar
Classrooms	Office of University Registrar
College of Business and Economics Building Auditorium	Office of University Registrar
College of Law Courtroom	Dean, College of Law
Complex Commons	Assistant Director of Programming for the Office of Residence Life
Guignol Theatre	Department of Theatre
Laboratory Theatre	Department of Theatre
Medical Center Auditorium Memorial Hall and Amphitheatre	Office of Communications Director, Student Center
Open Areas	Director, Student Center
Parking Lots and Parking Structures	Director, Student Center
Patterson Office Tower-	Office of University Registrar

1st Floor Conference Rooms

Patterson Office Tower  
18th Floor

Vice President for Administration  
President's Office

Seaton Building

Director, Campus Recreation

Soccer Field

Director, Campus Recreation

Student Center

Director, Student Center

Taylor Education Building  
Auditorium

Associate Dean of Education

**University of Kentucky Alumni Association Facilities**

Alumni House

Director, Alumni Association

**University of Kentucky Athletic Association Facilities**

Commonwealth Stadium  
Memorial Coliseum  
Shively Sports Center

Director, Administrative  
Services