General Principles for Campus Demonstrations and Protests
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Discussion and expression of all views is permitted within the University subject only to requirements for the maintenance of order. Support of any cause by orderly means which is not in violation of law and which do not disrupt the operation of the University nor interfere with the rights of others is permitted. The University retains the right to assure the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuity of the educational process.

In accordance with the Illinois Statute, “Interference with public institution of higher education,” and the “Code of Policies and Regulations Applying to all Students,” the policy of the University is to prohibit acts which interfere with University operations.

The University policy provides for freedom of expression and lawful assembly at the University, and for the orderly petition for redress of grievances. Many venues are provided on our campus for the lawful expression of opinions, demonstrations and protests. Indeed, this is an appropriate and important element of university life. However, the University retains the right to regulate the time, place and manner of demonstrations to assure the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuity of the educational process.

Conduct During Demonstrations and Protests:

Prohibited conduct, as stated in the “Code of Policies and Regulations Applying to all Students,” includes:

1. Conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person, or creates in such person a reasonable fear that such a result will occur, including but not limited to:
   a. Physical abuse
   b. Intimidation, harassment, or coercion
   c. Reckless disregard for the health or safety of any person
2. The use of force or violence, actual or threatened, to willfully deny, impede, obstruct, impair, or interfere with any of the following:
   a. The freedom of movement of any person, including entering or leaving property or facilities
   b. The use of the property or facilities owned or controlled by the University
   c. The performance of institutional duties by a member of the University
3. The use of force or violence, actual or threatened, to knowingly occupy or remain in or at any property or facility owned or controlled by the University after receiving due notice to depart.
4. Any conduct that substantially threatens or interferes with the maintenance of appropriate order and discipline in the operation of the University. Without excluding other situations, examples include shouting, noise making, obstruction, and other disruptive actions designed or intended to interfere with or prevent meetings, assemblies, classes, or other
scheduled or routine University operations or activities.
5. Inciting, aiding, or encouraging others to engage in a disruptive or coercive action.
6. Failure to comply with the directions of a University or law enforcement official acting in the performance of her or his duty.
7. Participation in a disruptive or coercive demonstration. A demonstration is disruptive or coercive if it is substantially impedes University operations, substantially interferes with the rights of others, or takes place on premises or at times where persons are not authorized to be.

Consequences of Violating the University Policy:

Once individuals are advised by a University official that they are violating University policy, state law, or both, the individuals may disperse or move to another location identified by the University. If they choose to remain, they are subject to arrest and/or University discipline. Illinois law prohibits interference with the operation of a public institution of higher education. Violations of this law can lead to arrest, incarceration and fines. Criminal damage to state property is a felony and criminal trespass to state supported property is a misdemeanor. Any battery against a police officer constitutes aggravated battery.

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