

Freedom of Expression in the Educational Environment

Helpful Tips to Responsibly Exercise Your Rights

The University recognizes and supports the rights of free expression and speech. Freedom of expression is essential to the university's commitment to ensure inclusive educational opportunities. At Oregon State, differences and dissenting viewpoints are not only tolerated but encouraged as part of the educational process.

The following principles provide some of the foundation for expression at OSU (Source: <http://main.oregonstate.edu/freedom-expression>).

- Freedom of speech (also called freedom of expression) is a fundamental right guaranteed by the U.S. and Oregon constitutions.
- Freedom of speech does not extend to specific threats of violence against individuals and **cannot be exercised in ways that significantly disrupt the operation of the university or the legal rights of others.**
- The University may reasonably **regulate the time, place, and manner** of expression to **ensure that it does not disrupt the university's activities.**

Students who engage in behavior or activities that pose a threat or that disrupt the university's activities per the time, place, and manner policy may be referred to the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards for further review and potential conduct action. Potential violations of the Code could include Obstruction or Disruption, Refusal to Comply, Unauthorized Entry or Use, Harassment, or Violation of Law or Policy, among others.

Questions?

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To learn more visit:

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