Time, Manner and Place at Oregon State University

What you Need to Know

1. The free expression of ideas has and will continue to be a cornerstone of the higher education environment, and assembly, demonstration and protest are one of the many modes of expression encompassed within the exchange of ideas.

2. Time, Manner and Place is a University Policy designed to support the First Amendment rights of OSU community members and visitors while also permitting the University to conduct its business. The goal of the Policy is to strike a balance between providing for the protected speech activities, while also preventing disruption of University operations, ensuring that the rights of all are honored.

3. University grounds are open to the public and the University community for speech activities except in certain designated areas, including classroom buildings, research and laboratory facilities, the Valley Library, Student Health Services (Plageman) and locations/buildings designated as authorized access only.

4. Speech activities cannot impede access or traffic, and they cannot unreasonably disrupt authorized activities in classrooms, offices, laboratories and other University buildings or grounds. This includes obstruction or disruption of teaching, learning, research, administration and other institutional functions, and any activities that create a threat to health and safety.

5. Significant disruption to university activities described above, stated in the Time, Manner and Place Policy, and in the Student Code of Conduct, may result in disciplinary proceedings for students. Depending on the level of disruption, and if there is any threat to health and safety, university officials may require immediate dispersal from the location of the disruption.

Oregon State University’s Time, Manner and Place Policy can be found at: http://fa.oregonstate.edu/gen-manual/time-manner-and-place-rules-speech-activities

For more information on Freedom of Expression, please contact the Dean of Student Life office at 541-737-8748.