



Student Affairs and Services
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Photo courtesy of MSU Communications. Student vigil for George Floyd

Important Contact Information

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Activism and Education

*“The basic purposes of the University are the advancement, dissemination, and application of knowledge.”*¹

- Freedom of expression is fundamental to education; however, absolute freedom leads to anarchy.
- Order is also fundamental to education; however, absolute order leads to tyranny.

“Therefore, the University must seek to strike a balance between maximum freedom and necessary order...”

What You Should Know About Activism On Campus

- Protests, rallies, etc., may not disrupt normal University operations.²

For example, activities may not:

- Create excessive noise within or in close proximity to campus buildings.
- Obstruct the free movement of persons about the campus.
- Block access to and from University buildings.
- Enter or remain in another individual's place of residence or work without permission.³
- While in dialogue, we should:
 - Listen to the ideas and beliefs of others.
 - Reflect critically on our own ideas and beliefs.
 - Accept responsibility for our actions and words.
 - Contribute positively to the richness of the intellectual dialogue.

Action Steps

- Complete an Event Planning Form at involve.msu.edu
- Valuable resources
 - The Student Organization Handbook, studentlife.msu.edu/publications/student-organization-handbook³
 - **Your** student organization adviser

- Spartan Life, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/
- Be aware of relevant institutional policies:
 - The Student Disorderly Conduct Policy⁴
 - General Student Regulations⁵
 - Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct⁶
- Be knowledgeable about the issue(s) at hand. Critical judgment is important in the search for truth.
- Seek and be open to different perspectives. All good teachers must also be learners.
- Consider the impact your actions will have on your self and others.

Policies & Ordinances in Spartan Life

- General Student Regulations
splife.studentlife.msu.edu
- Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct
splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
- Signs and Structures
splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
- Student Disorderly Conduct Policy
splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
- Free Speech and Individual Responsibility
splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected

Resources

1. Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR), Article I., splife.studentlife.msu.edu
2. Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
3. General Student Regulation (GSR) 2.05, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations
4. Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
5. Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations
6. Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected
7. Statement on Free Speech, <https://msu.edu/freespeech/>