

Tulane University Freedom to Demonstrate: Campus Demonstration Protocol

The following Campus Demonstration Protocol is intended to support and protect Tulane community members' freedom of expression, protest, and demonstration, while ensuring the safety of all members and operations of the university community from disruption to teaching, research, administrative procedures, and other activities.

Privileges and Responsibilities

- **Hosting & Participation:** The privilege of hosting and/or organizing demonstrations or counter-demonstrations on Tulane property is reserved for Tulane students and associated Recognized Student Organizations. Non-affiliates are not allowed to have or participate in demonstrations or counter-demonstrations on university-owned property.
 - This privilege may not be passed onto or conferred to an unaffiliated group, organization, or individual. For example, students or Recognized Student Organizations, may not reserve a facility on behalf of, or for use by an outside/unaffiliated group, organization or individual. This conduct constitutes “fronting” and is prohibited. Students who engage in fronting may be subject to disciplinary action.

- **Registering:** Demonstrations may be registered during the fall and spring semesters with the exception of the study and finals periods. In order to provide space, safety, and support for demonstrations and demonstrators, events must be registered at least two business days prior to the proposed demonstration date via the [Demonstration Registration Form](#) on WaveSync. The earlier an event is registered, the more time we have to meet to support organizers and provide resources to prepare for and host a safe demonstration.

- **Definition and Types of Demonstrations:** A demonstration is a coordinated act of individuals to initiate the explicit use of a space to draw attention to and express a point of view to others. Campus demonstrations include various activities including but not limited to: protests, art installations, vigils, on-campus marches, sit-ins or study-ins. (Definition and Types of Demonstrations was edited on November 14, 2024 for clarification of these protocols following events in the Howard Tilton Memorial Library.)

- **Locations:** Demonstrations are approved on the uptown and downtown campuses, permitting the activities do not interfere with a current reservation. Demonstration locations on the uptown campus include the Academic Quad, Berger Family Lawn, McAlister Plaza, and Pocket Park. Downtown demonstration locations will be determined with the organizer on a case-by-case basis.

- Marches: Marches may occur on campus and/or within the Tulane University Police Department perimeter patrol. On-campus marches must begin and end in registered campus demonstration locations.
 - Please note, if organizers desire to march on city streets, there is a City of New Orleans Special Permit Application required by the City at least 3 weeks in advance. NOPD parade fees are determined and agreed upon prior to the event taking place by the City of New Orleans, and the demonstration organizer is responsible for all NOPD parade fees.

- Sound: Amplified sound such as microphones, music, and bullhorns may be used for registered demonstrations as guided by the locations, dates, times, and decibel level outlined in the [University's Amplified Sound Policy](#). The university has a microphone and speaker sound system for organizers of registered events to use if they wish.

- Signs: Placards, signs, and banners constructed from poster board or of other similar paper material are all allowable. Participants may not use placards constructed from material of a hard substance. RSOs and students may check availability for supplies to create and hang banners and signs in the Student Organization Center (SOC). Signs may be affixed by painter's tape or string and remain in place for the duration of the demonstration so long as they do not cause damage to University property and are removed and disposed of immediately after the demonstration or protest.

- Care for Property: Demonstration participants should take reasonable care to reduce damage to University property and to the property of others. At the conclusion of any demonstration, demonstration organizers are expected to make a reasonable effort to return the grounds/area to the condition it was in before the event. Property damage related to a demonstration may result in the assessment of fees for cleaning, repairs, and replacement of property to the organization and/or individuals responsible.

- Freedom from Disruption: In order to create and promote a university environment in which a variety of ideas can be freely expressed, critically examined, and made with respect for the dignity and freedom of others, the [Freedom to Demonstrate Protocol](#) is aligned with our [Freedom from Disruption Protocol](#), including but not limited to:
 - Demonstration participants may not attempt to coerce, intimidate, or harass any other person into viewing, listening to, or accepting a copy of any communication. Demonstration participants may not obstruct or restrict the free movement of persons, including on sidewalks, roads, pathways, driveways, hallways, doorways, stairs, and exits from University facilities.
 - Observers and/or Counter-Demonstrators shall not in-person or virtually disrupt, damage, shout down, block or suppress a protest or demonstrators' right to speak, or impede others' ability to listen/view the demonstration.
 - If registered demonstrations or counterdemonstrations become disruptive, Assistant Vice President for Campus Life or their designee will approach and

explain which activities are in violation of the guidelines and advise them on how to continue their demonstration/counter protest in a manner which is not disruptive.

- Counter-Demonstrations: Counter-demonstrators are permitted to be present and voice their perspective, but cannot disrupt the demonstration as outlined in the [Freedom from Disruption Protocol](#).
- Care for Safety: A physical threat to persons and/or property may require immediate Tulane University Police response as well as situations in which the Assistant Vice President (AVP) for Campus Life or their designee determines that a warning may not provide adequate protection for persons or property.
- Tulane affiliates who disrupt individuals' freedom of speech, safety, and/or the university's ability to carry out its mission will be held accountable as outlined specifically in section VII.A.2, as well as VII.A.13 - 15, VII.A.18 of the Student Code of Conduct.