

Important Contact Information

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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
Statement on Free Speech, President Lou Anna K. Simon, <http://president.msu.edu/advancing-msu/presidents-statement-on-free-speech.html>

See *Spartan Life* On-Line @ splife.studentlife.msu.edu/

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Student Activism

At

Michigan State University



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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 Should I 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.

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Action Steps

- **To complete an Event Planning Form on Community**, michiganstate-community.symlicity.com/
- **Use other valuable resources, such as:**
 - ✓ The *Student Organization Handbook*, studentlife.msu.edu/publications/student-organization-handbook-3
 - ✓ Your student organization adviser
 - ✓ *Spartan Life*, splife.studentlife.msu.edu/
- **Be aware of relevant institutional policies:**
 - ✓ The *Student Disorderly Conduct Policy*⁴
 - ✓ *General Student Regulations*⁵
 - ✓ *Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct*⁶
- **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 yourself and others.

Policies & Ordinances in *Spartan Life*

splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations

Name of Policy	Where in <i>Spartan Life</i>
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