

# Important Contact Information

**Department of Student Life**----- 517-355-8286  
556 E. Circle Drive, 101 Student Services Building  
[studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu)

**MSU Police** ----- 517-355-2221  
87 Red Cedar Road  
[police.msu.edu/](http://police.msu.edu/)

**Residence Education and Housing Services**----- 517-353-3780  
219 Wilson Road, Room G60  
[liveon.msu.edu/](http://liveon.msu.edu/)

---

## Resources

- <sup>1</sup> Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR), Article I., [splife.studentlife.msu.edu](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu)
- <sup>2</sup> Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct, [splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected)
- <sup>3</sup> General Student Regulation (GSR) 2.05, [splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations)
- <sup>4</sup> *Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide*, [splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected)
- <sup>5</sup> *Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide*, [splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/general-student-regulations)
- <sup>6</sup> *Spartan Life Handbook and Resource Guide*, [splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected](http://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/](http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/)

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer.



# Student Activism

At

# Michigan State University



**Student  
Affairs &  
Services**

Michigan State University

# Activism and Education

“The basic purposes of the University are the advancement, dissemination, and application of knowledge.”<sup>1</sup>

- **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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>
- 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.

**Department of Student Life**  
 556 E. Circle Drive  
 101 Student Services Bldg.  
 East Lansing, Mi 48824-1113  
 Phone: (517) 355-8286  
[studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu)

# Action Steps

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

Name of Policy	Where in <i>Spartan Life</i>
General Student Regulations -----	<a href="http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/">splife.studentlife.msu.edu/</a>
Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct--	<a href="http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected">splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected</a>
Signs and Structures-----	<a href="http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected">splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected</a>
Student Disorderly Conduct Policy ---	<a href="http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected">splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected</a>
Free Speech and Individual Responsibility -----	<a href="http://splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected">splife.studentlife.msu.edu/regulations/selected</a>