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CSU acknowledges the rights of students and others to engage in free speech and to assemble in groups for peaceful purposes. At such gatherings, CSU expects the rights and privileges of all persons to be respected and that there will be no endangerment to health or safety. Such gatherings must in no way disrupt the normal conduct of University affairs or endanger University property.

CSU may, consistent with the constitution, establish reasonable regulations regarding the time, place, and manner in which persons exercise their free speech rights to the extent necessary to prevent disruption of the normal conduct of University affairs or endangerment of health and safety of persons or damage to property. Accordingly, persons planning such assemblies on the CSU campus must coordinate their activities and plans in advance through the Lory Student Center Event Planning Services (<http://lsc.colostate.edu/services/event-planning-services/>) or Facilities Management (<https://www.fm.colostate.edu/events/>). The sponsoring individual or group must assume responsibility for compliance with all state and municipal laws and CSU policies. Assistance from staff is available to help plan such events, and the assistance of University police may be requested to help with traffic or crowds.

Any act by demonstrators or groups which interferes with the rights of others, disrupts the normal functioning of CSU, damages property, or endangers health or safety may be addressed through the University's student conduct (<https://resolutioncenter.colostate.edu/student-conduct-code/>) process. In addition, such actions may also be the basis for criminal charges by law enforcement authorities and/or result in removal from University property. Demonstrations are prohibited in any special-use facility, classroom, and in any place or manner that interferes with educational and other normal functions and operations of the institution. Demonstrators refusing to vacate premises upon request may be subject to arrest under applicable municipal and state laws.

Commercial speech may be regulated by the University to a greater extent than noncommercial speech and expressive activities. Commercial speech is any form of expression or activity that is primarily intended to advertise, market, sell, or promote goods and services on behalf of any person or entity that is not a CSU department or affiliated organization. Soliciting for contributions or donations is included in the definition of commercial speech. The University is under no obligation to make any campus areas or facilities available for commercial activities. When permitted, commercial speech should promote an educational, rather than commercial atmosphere on campus, prevent exploitation of students, and preserve the tranquility of the campus.

To learn more about the University's policy on the rights to free speech and peaceful assembly, visit the CSU Policy Library website (<http://policylibrary.colostate.edu/policy.aspx?id=696>).