I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

UCLA is committed to First Amendment rights as a fundamental feature of our democracy and a crucial dimension of UCLA’s institutional and academic culture. In order to carry on its work of teaching, research, and public service, the University has an obligation to maintain conditions under which the work of the University can go forward freely, in accordance with the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity, and freedom of expression, with full recognition by all concerned of the rights and privileges, as well as the responsibilities of those who comprise the University. The time, place, and manner of exercising the constitutionally protected First Amendment rights are subject to these campus regulations and related Use Policies, which have been formulated to provide reasonable access for open association, discussion, and debate while at the same time providing for the safe and orderly operation of the campus.

In addition to this Policy and related Use Policies, as outlined in UCLA Policy XXX, General Use of University Property, Non-Affiliates must comply with The Regents of the University of California’s Regulations Governing Conduct of Non-Affiliates in the Buildings and on the Grounds of the University of California (“Regulations”), see Section V. References. For sections in the Regulations that require prior approval by a Designated University Official that are not designated in this Policy, contact the Office of Administrative Vice Chancellor or Events Office.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy:

See Policy XXX: General Use of University Property Attachment A

III. POLICY STATEMENT

UCLA has designated certain areas of the campus for Public Expression Activities. UCLA may impose reasonable and content-neutral time, place, and manner regulations on the exercise of Public Expression in order to preserve the safe and orderly operation of the campus. Public Expression Activities may be directed to cease subject to the review and approval by the Chancellor or a Designated University Official based on the Safety and Security Criteria and/or the Interference Criteria that will be evaluated in a content-neutral manner.
Public Expression Activities are permitted in the Areas for Public Expression. Such activities are not permitted in classrooms, laboratories, libraries and other academic spaces, which are dedicated to speech for teaching, learning, and research and thus, governed by the norms of academic freedom as outlined in the University’s Academic Personnel Manual, APM-010, which recognizes in teaching settings the faculty’s authority to control all aspects of a course, including the relevance of alternative points of view, and by other regulations designed to ensure that the space is used for its intended purpose. Classrooms may be reserved for Official University Functions and/or Organized Events, see Policy XXX: Organized Events.

The Constitutional right to free speech and assembly does not protect the right to engage in Civil Disobedience, which by its very definition involves violations of law or regulations. Civil Disobedience may interfere with University business or threaten public safety or University assets in ways that require the University to act to protect these other interests.

IV. REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC EXPRESSION ACTIVITIES

A. Areas for Public Expression

UCLA has designated Areas for Public Expression on campus that may be used regardless of affiliation with UCLA and without prior scheduling on a first-come basis provided that there are no scheduled Organized Events. The University will ensure that at least one of the Areas for Public Expression will be available at all times.

Public Expression Activities are not permitted at any time on the grounds of the University Residence, including the lawn area of the Ralph Cornell Grove.

1. Place: The Areas for Public Expression are outlined below and in Attachment A, Map of Areas for Public Expression.
   - Meyerhoff Park
   - East Bruinwalk between the Student Activities Center and Ackerman
   - Lawns and walkways between Meyerhoff Park, Student Activities Center, Janss Steps, and east side of Powell Library
   - Dickson Court South

2. Time: The Areas for Public Expression are open between the hours of 6:00am and 12:00 midnight. Between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00am these areas and all other areas of campus are generally closed to all activities except the coming and going to a University building or crossing the campus.

3. Manner: Individuals and groups may not impede or disrupt foot and vehicular traffic. Obstructing, disrupting, or otherwise interfering with the instructional, research, or administrative operations of the University, or any other person having lawful business with the University is not permissible. Reasonable access to and exit from classrooms, laboratories, offices and buildings must be provided at all times.

   Activities such as posting, displaying, carrying, and/or distributing posters, signs, banners, flags, or other similar displays, literature and tables, or other portable displays must be in accordance with UCLA Policy XXX, General Use of University Property and section IV.4 of this Policy.

   Amplified sound, except for Dickson Court South, is permitted between 12pm-1pm without prior approval and only in accordance with UCLA Policy XXX: General Use of University Property. See UCLA Policy XXX General Use of University Property, Amplified Sound Section for approval information.

4. Additional Regulations for East Bruin Walk: In accord with UCLA Policy XXX, General Use of University Property, the following additional regulations below apply:
a. Posters, Signs, and other Similar Displays

Posters, signs, and other similar free-standing displays, including sign boards, may not be larger than 3 feet wide by 2.5 feet high and must be attended at all times. For portable signs, see General Use Policy xxx.

Any other types of display, or those larger than noted here, must be approved by the Director of SOLE or their designee or Events Office. Approval will be given or denied only on a content-neutral basis.

When made aware of violations of the provision above, a University Designated Official may remove posters, signs, or other similar displays on University Property.

b. Tables on East Bruin Walk

The existing tables on East Bruin Walk can be utilized on a first-come basis except when a Designated University Official reserves a few tables for the purpose of maintaining access for Registered Campus Organizations. Due to the limited space available on East Bruin Walk, table usage will be limited to one table per organization.

When using a table on East Bruin Walk, the display area is limited to the table and the area immediately behind it. Displays on East Bruin Walk must be staffed at all times. The name of the sponsoring organization must be visible at the table.

B. Demonstration Activities outside the Areas for Public Expression

Demonstrations are not permitted inside buildings. Prior approval from the Events Office for demonstration activities that are unrelated to an Organized/Major Event and that are outside the Areas for Public Expression is required. On rare occasions when prior approval cannot be obtained prior to the demonstration activity, Designated University Officials based on the Safety and Security Criteria and/or the Interference Criteria may designate a location/area that is proximate to the desired location.

For demonstration activities associated with an Organized Event, see UCLA Policy XXX: Organized Events.

Regardless of where the demonstration activity is located, individuals and groups must follow all campus regulations and related Use Policies and may not impede or disrupt foot and/or vehicular traffic. Obstructing, disrupting, or otherwise interfering with the instructional, research, or administrative operations of the University, or any other person having lawful business with the University is not permissible. Reasonable access to and exit from classrooms, laboratories, offices and buildings must be provided at all times.

Carrying posters, signs, banners or other similar displays must be in accordance with UCLA Policy XXX, General Use of University Property.

V. REFERENCES

1. UCLA Policy XXX: General Use of University Property
2. UCLA Policy XXX: Organized Events
3. UCLA Policy 862: Major Events
4. UCLA Policy 850.1: Placement of Temporary Structure on UCLA Campus
5. Conduct of Non-Affiliates in the Buildings and on the Grounds of the University of California
6. UC PACAOS 30: Policy on Speech and Advocacy
7. UC PACAOS 40: Policy on Use of University Properties
8. UC APM-010: Academic Freedom
VI. ATTACHMENTS

A. Map of Areas for Public Expression