

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

In the event a program or activity is located in an inaccessible facility, the University will take such action(s) as necessary to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility. The following information shall appear on all notices and advertisements of performances, lectures, meetings, and programs hosted by student organizations that are open to the University or the public:

Students with disabilities needing special assistance to attend an event may contact the Office of Disabilities at 524-5061.

Rallies, Public Assemblies and Demonstrations

Freedoms of speech, expression and assembly are fundamental rights of all persons and are central to the mission of the university.

However, these activities are subject to the well-established right of colleges and universities to regulate time, place and manner so that the activities do not intrude upon or interfere with the academic programs and administrative process of the university. The university shall not discriminate on the basis of the political, religious, philosophical, ideological or academic viewpoint expressed by any person.

Organizations require written approval from the Department of Student Activities and Campus Police Department. An "Application for Demonstrations and Assemblies" form must be submitted to the Department of Student Activities at least 10 days in advance of the demonstration.

Any unauthorized occupation of building and/or University property by a student(s) or student organization shall result in immediate suspension and/or dismissal and legal action or that organization.

Rules for Demonstrations and Assemblies

1. Only organizations recognized by Virginia State University or any VSU student may sponsor demonstrations on University property.
2. Picketing is not permitted inside buildings.
3. Outside picketing must not be carried on so as to interfere with entrance traffic or the normal flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, good order and discipline, and normal business activities.

4. Precise boundaries and number of those picketing will be set by agreement among the organizations involved and those in charge of any building specifically involved.
5. Lack of substantial compliance with these rules and regulations or failure to apply for approval will result in reconsideration by the University.

Amplified Sound

Virginia State University exists so that a community of scholars can fully participate in the learning process. Students and groups may not engage in excessive noise that obstructs academic classes, College business and faculty offices, the neighboring non-VSU community, and other campus activities.

The following guidelines comprise the University's noise ordinance:

1. Musical instruments, stereos, radios, televisions, and other electronic devices should be played at a level acceptable to individuals within the same room and that does not disturb community and non-VSU neighbors. Students may not place speakers in windows or direct sound out of windows in a way that disturbs the peace of the community.
2. Other kinds of noise must be kept at levels that do not infringe on the rights of others.
3. Noise and other entertainment at all parties and other non-academic gatherings should be restricted to University non-business hours (between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.). Any exceptions to this must be cleared through the Director of Student Activities.
4. Music is restricted to the rear of Foster Hall during approved times with the speakers facing away from buildings. Music is not allowed in Foster Hall lobby without prior approval from the Director of Student Activities.
5. Residents of VSU's housing must maintain music and other noise at levels that do not disturb adjacent areas. Music should be inaudible from buildings after midnight on weeknights and after 1:00 a.m. on weekends.
6. Students may not engage in organized political expression (rallies, drumming, speak-outs, etc.) in which the noise level disrupts the educational processes of the University.
7. The Director of Student Activities must approve exceptions to the above.