

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY

Free Speech Area Guidelines

Anyone enrolling at Austin Peay State University is entitled to all rights granted to him/her by the Constitution of the United States and is entitled to the full protection of the law. Apart from those rights and duties enjoyed by non-students, enrollment in the University carries with it special privileges and imposes special responsibilities. The University has established regulations and certain due process procedures essential to an atmosphere of mutual respect which is sensitive to rights of all individuals.

Location: The “Free Speech Area” is designed to allow for free speech activities without causing undue interference to classes and other normal operations of the campus. The “Free Speech Area” is located in The Plaza between The Morgan University Center and the Harvill Bookstore.

Rules For Use: Use of the “Free Speech Area” fall in two categories: (1) planned in advanced and the “Free Speech Area” is reserved or (2) spontaneous and no advance reservation is made.

In order to reserve the “Free Speech Area,” any registered student organization, or non-student group should contact the University Facilities Office at 221-6617 or visit the website www.apsu.edu/mtg.

In general, free speech activities may last no longer than 90 minutes in duration, whether reserved or spontaneous. Exceptions for reserved use may be granted through the University Facilities Office.

Regulations: Use of this area must be consistent with the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct found in the Student Handbook and with local, state and federal law. These guidelines are applicable to all persons: both students and non-students.

- a) The demonstration must not constitute conduct dangerous to others.
- b) The demonstration must not become disorderly.
- c) The demonstration must not become disruptive to classes or the learning environment.
- d) The demonstration must not cause damage to property.

Violations of the rules of conduct by students or non-students may result in charges being filed against violators through the University and/or external judiciary system.