

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. (The Free Speech Area is applicable for promotion of goods and/or services. See Policy 3:001 for guidelines.)

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. The stage is for the delivery of the issue, speech or topic. Should the Plaza be booked for a previously scheduled event or activity an alternate location will be provided. However, two Free Speech activities cannot occur at the same time.

Rules For Use: The use of the Free Speech Area is for any organization (campus or non-campus) or individual (campus or non-campus) for the exhortation of a position, topic or issue. Use of the Free Speech Area requires advance registration if non-university personnel are involved in any way with the topic or issue. Students or student organizations must register the event if they are using non-university personnel to present the issue or topic. When non-university personnel are involved the Use of the Free Speech area is limited to once a semester.

Registered use of the space takes precedent over an unregistered free speech event. 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.

Distribution of materials: A table may be requested during the registration process for display and distribution of literature. Literature distribution is only permitted at the table.

Amplification: The use of amplification devices for free speech purposes is prohibited.

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, advocate or encourage 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.
- e) The demonstration must not inhibit the ability of others to pass through the Free Speech Area.

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.

Relevant APSU Policies:

3:001 — Use of University Facilities

3:015 — Off-Campus Speakers

3:032 — Minors on Campus

Inclement Weather Policy

During severe inclement weather the University will remain open, classes will be held, and the faculty and staff will be expected to perform their normal duties. Unless a modified schedule or an official closing due to catastrophic conditions (such as loss of heat, power outage, etc.) is announced over AP Alert, radio or TV broadcasts, employees are expected to report for work and students are expected to attend class. In cases of severe inclement weather or hazardous roads, students are to exercise their own judgment in making decisions about class attendance. For more information, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/alert/weather>.

University Recreation Statement

Austin Peay State University and the University Recreation program assume no responsibility or liability for injuries occurring during recreation activities, including team sports and the use of facilities.

Participants are strongly urged to consult their physicians to determine whether they are physically fit to engage in recreational activities prior to participation. Participants are urged to carry medical insurance. (See additional policies and guidelines for APSU students.)

Additional Expectations for APSU Students

All APSU students are expected to comply with University policies included in the handbook and/or printed in other official University publications. The following actions are prohibited:

- Advertisement Flyers and Brochures — Improper distribution or placement of advertising flyers and related literature onto parked vehicles on campus except if (1) the vehicle is owned by the person distributing the flyer; or (2) the person had the express consent of vehicle owner to place the material on the vehicle. (See Poster Guidelines for further details,)
- Duplication of Keys — Making or causing a key to be made for any University facilities, without proper authorization.
- Litter — Dispersing litter in a form on campus grounds or in facilities of the campus.
- Student Identification Cards —
 - (1) Failure to possess at all times a valid student identification card, or
 - (2) Failure to surrender ID card to University personnel/officials upon proper request.
- Rollerblading/Skateboarding — APSU does not permit rollerblading or skateboarding on campus (policy 4:013).

It is your responsibility to become aware of all policies affecting student behavior.

Student Emergency Medical Assistance Program

If you have an on-campus emergency and you are unable to be seen at Boyd Health Services Clinic, contact Public Safety at 221-7786. Officers will respond quickly and assist you in obtaining proper medical care. For more information, contact Boyd Health Services Clinic at 221-7107.

Illegal Downloading

All Austin Peay State University students, faculty and staff should be aware that it is illegal to acquire (via digital or other form of transfer) any copyrighted material unless you have legally purchased or have otherwise obtained the express permission of the copyright holder. Copyrighted material includes, but is not limited to, music, videos, books, images and software.

With the advancement in technology and easy access via the internet to music, videos, books, images and software programs, and programs with which to copy the material, you may not be aware whether certain material may be legally copied or not.

A helpful list of types of copyright protected material and copyright laws can be found at <http://www.copyright.gov>, and additional information, including frequently asked questions, can be found at <http://www.apsu.edu/legal-affairs/illegal-downloading.html>.