

FAQs: Longwood University's Freedom of Expression Policy

What is the policy that addresses free speech at Longwood?

- Longwood has a Freedom of Expression Policy that can be found under Policies & Procedures on the Longwood webpage, as well as in the Student Handbook.
<http://solomon.longwood.edu/offices--departments/student-affairs/policies--procedures/freedom-of-expression-policy.php>

Why does Longwood have a policy?

- The policy serves to assure equal opportunity for the campus community, to preserve order at the University, to protect and to preserve University property, and to provide a secure environment to individuals exercising freedom of expression.

Does this policy limit free speech of Longwood faculty, staff, and students?

- No right is more highly regarded at Longwood than the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of expression and the right to assemble peaceably. All members of the University community, including faculty, staff and students, enjoy the right to freedom of speech and expression, regardless of their viewpoint. However, the University must fulfill its educational mission and therefore reserves the right to regulate the time, place, and manner of expression in order to maintain the safe operation of the University, prevent violations of state or federal law, or protect the rights of others.

Are there other policies that are helpful to know when talking about free speech on campus?

- The Freedom of Expression Policy specifically references the Advertising and Posting Policy, which can also be found under Policies & Procedures on the Longwood webpage and in the Student Handbook. <http://solomon.longwood.edu/offices--departments/student-affairs/policies--procedures/advertising-and-posting.php>

Does this policy apply to individuals and groups not affiliated with the University?

- Regulations for individuals and groups not affiliated with the University can also be found in the Freedom of Expression policy.

How do I report concerns of prohibition of or disruption to free speech?

- If you feel that a disruption of protected speech has occurred, please contact:

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