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Old Dominion University will at all times defend the right of free expression, including the right of free assembly.

This right will be protected in behalf of all persons associated with the academic community -- students, faculty, administration, and official guests. No action by an individual or a group which seeks to restrict the exercise of these rights by any other individual or group on this campus will be tolerated.

Old Dominion University will not condone or allow any unauthorized occupation of university facilities, nor will it permit any interference with its normal and regular activities.

No discussion of any issue will be carried on or be conducted under any form of duress, nor will attempts to intimidate, frighten, or otherwise promote by force be tolerated.

The [University's Demonstrations Policy](#) articulates the University's commitment to the free and open exchange of ideas by members of the University community and establishes general provisions for orderly freedom of expression in compliance with Federal and State laws and Board of Visitors Policy.