



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ROCHESTER

Protests and Other Civic Engagement Events

The University of Minnesota Rochester is first and foremost an institution of education. With that core mission, we will respect and prioritize opportunities to learn. Consequently, we value civic engagement and we expect that it will occur in a manner that does not demean or diminish others and that exemplifies both [academic freedom and responsibility](#). We are a [community that is free from violence, threats and intimidation](#) and respects the rights of students, faculty, staff and guests of the University.

Our Grounding Values include community; respect; human potential; diversity and inclusion; and evidence-based decision making. As we live those values:

- Students must follow Board of Regents Policy: [Student Conduct Code](#).
- UMR Community members are expected to conduct themselves consistent with Board of Regents Policy: [Code of Conduct](#).

In the context of our educational mission, relevant policies and procedures are applied in a content neutral way to spontaneous and planned protest events that occur in UMR leased spaces and are attended by faculty, staff, students and visitors to our community, as follows:

You are allowed to:

- Reserve UMR leased spaces for up to 100 participants by emailing a request to umrfacilities@r.umn.edu.
- Place reviewed, approved, and stamped [signs](#) (11 inches x 17 inches or smaller and adhered by tacks) on designated bulletin boards.
- Request approval for tabling by emailing Student Activities at stuact@r.umn.edu or by submitting a Raptor Link event request.
- Reserve a space and board for a [temporary educational display](#).

You must:

- End your event in UMR-leased space by scheduled building closing time.
- Clean up the UMR-leased space at the end of your event and before the building closes.
- Show your ID if asked by University officials or the Rochester Police Department.

You may not:

- Utilize tents or other structures.
- Damage University property, including graffiti and stickers.

- Interfere with classes, research, work, campus tours, admissions events or other University operations.
- Block entrances to buildings.
- Threaten, harass, intimidate, stalk or assault others.
 - For example, speech that directly threatens an individual or targets an individual based on protected characteristics may violate the [Student Conduct Code](#).
- Pose risk to the health and physical safety of yourself or others.
- Use University facilities or services without permission. This includes using keys or passwords you're not supposed to have, or misusing University credentials in a way that violates the reason for legitimate possession.
- Student workers and other staff may not participate in a protest during their work hours.

Violation of any existing policies by a UMR student is a violation of the Student Conduct Code and may result in immediate interim suspension while awaiting full Student Conduct Code proceedings.

Please note that if UMR students, faculty or staff are in a space not leased by UMR (e.g., skyways, outdoor spaces, etc.) the Rochester Police Department is responsible for responses to spontaneous or planned civic engagement. Check [this City of Rochester procedure](#) to request event space in Peace Plaza.

Relevant Policies

The list above is not exhaustive. See the following sites and policies for more detail

[Board of Regents Student Conduct Code](#)

[Rochester Student Conduct Code Procedure](#)

[Resolving Alleged Student Conduct Code Violations](#)

[Distribution of Temporary Information through Publications, Signs, Banners](#)

[Board of Regents Policy: Code of Conduct for University Community \(staff, faculty, volunteers\)](#)

[Board of Regents Policy: Possession and Carrying of Weapons](#)

[Peace Plaza Event Request](#)