

## **Niagara University Student Code of Conduct Demonstrations and Other Similar Events**

Niagara University encourages the open and respectful expression of opinion, exchange of ideas, and the right to assent to or dissent from existing University or broader societal situations. Ensuring and safeguarding open and respectful expression requires Niagara University's commitment to the safety of individuals, the protection of property, and the continuance of University business. As such, the University will have the final determination as to the time, place, and manner of all demonstrations and other similar events on-campus.

All demonstrations and other similar events on or adjacent to campus must be orderly and peaceful. Demonstrations or other similar events on or adjacent to campus may not impede passage, may not create excessive noise, and may not interfere with the business operations of the University.

The broadest possible exercise of freedom can be carried out only in conjunction with responsibility. Members of the University community and all other persons on University property assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution. To this end, the following acts and/or conduct are prohibited:

1. Persons who are NOT members of the University community are not permitted to demonstrate;
2. Conducting a demonstration at a time or place other than the time and place previously approved by the Dean for Student Engagement and Belonging or designee;
3. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities on University owned or controlled property, including its grounds, campus, buildings, and/or other facilities (hereinafter collectively referred to as "University property");
4. Obstruction of entry and exit points of buildings;
5. Establishment of encampments (e.g., use of tents or other structures) in indoor or outdoor locations;
6. Use of placards, banners, signs or other materials deemed by the University to be dangerous (e.g., signs affixed to wooden sticks or metal poles);
7. Use of amplifying equipment;
8. Assemblies lasting more than 12 hours and/or overnight assemblies;
9. Physical or verbal abuse of any person on University property or at University sponsored or supervised functions or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any such person;
10. Threats of harm;
11. Theft or damage to property of the University or of a member of the University or campus visitor;
12. Unauthorized entry to or use of University property, including maintaining an unauthorized presence in buildings;

13. Disorderly conduct or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct, language, or expression on University property or at University sponsored or supervised functions;
14. Failure to comply with directives of University officials acting in the performance of their duties;
15. Any other violations of civil law and/or University regulations;

In addition to the foregoing specific prohibitions, which are not exclusive, members of the University community and other persons on the property of the University shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner which does not disrupt the University community or infringe upon the rights of others.