

FAQs: VSU's Guidelines on Freedom of Expression

What is the edict that addresses free speech at Virginia State University? VSU guidelines regarding freedom of expression are expressed in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Section of the 2017-18 Student Handbook and in the 2018-19 VSU Student Organization Handbook. Both documents are available on the VSU website at <http://www.vsu.edu/files/docs/student-activities/student-handbook.pdf> and <http://www.vsu.edu/files/docs/clubs-and-organizations/student-organization-handbook.pdf>.

Why does VSU have guiding documents on freedom of speech? These guiding documents serve 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.

Do these guiding documents limit free speech of VSU faculty, staff, and students? Virginia State University is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of the individual are sustained. The University is committed to supporting the exercise of any right guaranteed to individuals by the Constitution and the Code of Virginia and to educating students relative to their responsibilities.

Are there other guidelines that are helpful to know when talking about free speech on campus? The guiding documents on freedom of speech specifically references the distribution of literature on campus, which can also be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

Do these guiding documents 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 Student Handbook.

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 use the contact information below:

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