

Guide to Social Action on Campus



The Division of Student Affairs is committed to developing you as a student who is both knowledgeable about the world around you and passionate about actively addressing the various complex social and political issues that arise.

We understand these issues and associated concerns may serve as the impetus for students to organize social action, which can take place in various forms including tabling, social media campaigns, educational initiatives, protests and demonstrations. We believe that exploring issues of justice and engaging in social action are integral to the learning process and are in alignment with and advance our institution's educational mission.

The staff members in Student Affairs offer themselves as guides and resources for you as you engage in social action. We are committed to creating an environment where discourse and the freedom of expression of all community members can occur in a safe and respectful manner.

Social Action Planning Checklist

- ☐ **Seek Advice and Support:** Speak to faculty and/or staff members who can be helpful as you plan your activity.
- ☐ **Set Event Objectives:** Spend time discussing desired outcomes and the best approaches toward achieving them.
- ☐ **Know Relevant Policies:** Become familiar with the Student Conduct Code, the Freedom of Expression Policy and relevant policies and procedures regarding student events.
- ☐ **Designate Leadership:** Designate a student point-person or group of individuals who will serve as the primary leader(s) for your activity.
- ☐ **Make Location and Logistical Arrangements:** Registered Student Organizations (RSO) and Departmental Student Programs (DSP) are encouraged to reserve campus spaces and/or facilities to hold activities.
- ☐ **Use of Public Spaces:** If your social action will be in a public space not typically reserved for events and activities or is not on behalf of an RSO or DSP, it is recommended that you contact the Department of Public Safety and the Dean of Students Office so both offices are aware of your plans and can provide support.
- ☐ **Communicate and Coordinate:** Communicate final plans to your target audience and coordinate logistics within your planning group.
- ☐ **Educate Participants and Guests:** Educate participants and guests about university policies and expectations and the possible consequences for causing disruption, interfering with university business or creating a safety concern. Note: As a private university, LMU reserves the right to limit non-community members' access to the grounds and/or campus events.
- ☐ **Clear Out and Clean Up:** After your activity is over, clear and clean up the area.
- ☐ **Debrief the Experience:** Debrief the experience with participants and discuss next steps.
- ☐ **Engage in Self Care:** Planning an activity takes a lot of time and energy, so remember to take time for yourself before, during and after the event.

“...a college or university is an open community, a place where freedom of expression is uncompromisingly protected and where civility is powerfully affirmed.”



Student Conduct Code and Relevant Policies

Students should become familiar with the Student Conduct Code, the Freedom of Expression Policy and the policies listed below before planning any type of social action on campus. The safety of all community members and guests is primary and should guide decision-making during the planning process. All policies can be found online at studentaffairs.lmu.edu/communitystandards or on the LMU website.

- [Outdoor Amplification Policy](#)
- [Freedom of Expression Policy](#)
- [Guest Policy](#)
- [Student Event and Activity Approval Policy](#)
- [Student Conduct Code](#)
- [Student Housing Policies](#)
- [Student Involvement Policy Guide](#)
- [Technology and Social Media Policy](#)
- [Violence-Free Campus Policy](#)

The Student Conduct Code contains a non-exhaustive list of behavior considered to be in violation of the Code. Violating the Freedom of Expression Policy is included in this list under Section III. It reads as follows:

H. Unpermitted interference with the lawful exercise of freedom of expression or movement of others on University Premises or at University-approved Activities including, but not limited to, blocking entrances, exits or passageways from or to any University building or roadway, interfering with daily University business, instruction or scheduled event through congregating, assembling or any other means, creating a volume of noise that prevents normal University activity or events



Contact Information and Resources

Campus Ministry

Malone Student Center 210 and
Sacred Heart Chapel, Lower Level
310.338.2860

Pam Rector Center for Service and Action

St. Robert's Annex
310.338.2959

Dean of Students

Malone Student Center 301
310.338.3756

Ethnic and Intercultural Services

Malone Student Center 201
310.338.5808

Office for International Student and Scholars

Malone Student Center 201
310.338.2937

Office of Student Conduct and Community Responsibility

Malone Student Center 355
310.338.1821

Campus Safety Services

Foley Annex 100
310.338.2893

Student Housing

Leavey Six 101
310.338.2963

Student Leadership and Development

Malone Student Center 103
310.338.2877

Facilities Management

FM Building
310.338.7779