

Rallies

Rallies are [events \(/Event+Definition\)](#) where people freely assemble around a common cause(s) and/or point(s) of advocacy. Rallies are subject to the University's Time, Place & Manner policy, also known as the '[Picketing Code \(http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/codeofconduct/picketingcode/\)](http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/codeofconduct/picketingcode/).'

Space for non-controversial rallies can be [requested \(/Scheduling+Space+for+Events\)](#) 24 hours in advance, but it is advisable to allow at least 48 hours to make sure that space is [registered \(/Event+Registration\)](#).

During class hours, rallies can only be held on the [Student Union \(/Campus+Center+Spaces\)](#) steps (either front entrance or south steps)

PAs or other amplified sound can only be used from 12 pm - 1 pm and after 5 pm

A [PA system \(/Audio+visual+equipment\)](#) from the [Campus Center \(http://www.aux.umass.edu/campuscenter/\)](http://www.aux.umass.edu/campuscenter/) can be requested for use on the steps between April 1 and November 1, but will not be provided in bad weather. Normal [charges \(/Audio+Visual+Cost+Chart.xls\)](#) will apply.

Only one rally will be scheduled at any given time

Controversial Rallies

To ensure the safety and security of the campus community, there are different policies for controversial rallies.

Space for controversial rallies must be requested 5 working days prior to the scheduled date

Space may only be reserved from 12 noon to 1 pm

No sound greater than 15 amps can be utilized

The podium area must be kept clear of audience members to insure the safety of the speakers

Access to the podium is restricted to speakers, police officers, CSD staff, and two members of the RSO sponsoring the event

Traffic flow in and out of the Student Union must not be impeded at any time

The sponsoring RSO must designate at least 6 members to act as a security team and an official moderator who maintains the speaker list, introduces speakers, and assures that the rally stays within the prescribed time lines.

The sponsoring RSO should clear the podium area and entrances to the Student Union at the beginning of the rally and intermittently throughout the rally as necessary. This can be done by announcing that these areas must remain clear and by also designating security to keep these areas clear.

The sponsoring RSO is responsible for any damage that occurs to the public address system. This responsibility begins 30 minutes before the rally and ends 30 minutes after the rally.

