



**BUFFALO STATE**  
The State University of New York

# FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON CAMPUS

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As an institution of higher education, Buffalo State University respects and fully supports the free speech rights granted to individuals under both the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and New York State law. As a public entity, partially funded by New York State tax dollars, the university will provide a designated public forum to campus constituents and unaffiliated parties for the exercise of free speech rights. To comply with existing law, the university recognizes that it will dedicate its resources to this effort to provide for the public safety of participants.



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**The views of the individuals speaking on campus are the views of the individuals alone and not the university.**

## WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER SPEECH YOU DISAGREE WITH:



**DO**

Voice your opinion  
while respecting the  
rights of others

Engage in thoughtful,  
constructive dialogue

Exercise your own right  
to peacefully protest

Ignore the speaker  
to deny the attention  
they seek



**DO NOT**

Attempt to block/  
obstruct the speaker's  
message (physically, or  
with disruptive sound)

Be physical or  
threatening

Damage property

Obstruct or  
disrupt university  
operations

Buffalo State University reserves the right to terminate any use of the designated public forum in the event either the speaker or a member(s) of an audience engages in conduct that violates the SUNY Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order, or other applicable laws, rules, policies, or procedures, in order to secure the orderly operation of the Campus for the safety of the entire Campus Community.