Freedom of Expression
Expressive Activity Description Form

The University of Houston is committed to fostering a learning environment where free inquiry and expression are encouraged. The University expects that persons engaging in expressive activities will demonstrate civility, concern for the safety of persons and property, respect for University activities, respect for those who may disagree with their message, and compliance with University policies and applicable local, state, and federal laws. The University of Houston maintains its right to place reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on organized expressive activities. Additionally, any activities that are unlawful or disruptive to the normal operations of the University including classes and University business activities will not be tolerated. The purpose of the University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy (MAPP 13.01.01) is to provide for organized expressive activities to be conducted on the grounds of the University in a manner consistent with these principles. Groups or individuals engaging in disruptive activities or failing to comply with University policies and applicable local, state, and federal laws may face immediate removal from the campus and other appropriate actions by University officials and University police.

The Freedom of Expression Policy is applicable to University of Houston students, faculty, staff, and others who wish to engage in extracurricular public speaking, literature distribution, poster displays, sign displays, any other type of graphic exhibitions, expressive performances, petitioning, or similar noncommercial activities at locations on University property. This policy does not apply to official University activities. Non-permitted commercial activities (as defined in the Freedom of Expression Policy) are not allowed. University grounds and buildings are reserved for use by University of Houston students, faculty, and staff, except as otherwise permitted by policies of the University. Expressive activities permitted under this policy do not imply official endorsement by the University. Groups or individuals engaged in expressive activities are responsible for the content of the expression. Literature distribution must comply with the rules stated in the Freedom of Expression Policy.

The University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy identifies five outdoor organized expressive activity areas where a reservation is required: 1.) Lynn Eusan Park (Lynn Eusan Park may also be used as a drop-in organized expressive activity area, however, an individual or group with a reservation will have exclusive use and priority over other individuals or groups), 2.) the Student Center Plaza (located between South and North Student Center), 3.) the Student Center Satellite Patio/Hill, 4.) Butler Plaza, and 5.) Cougar Woods Arboretum (the grassy area located to the west of Cougar Woods Dining Hall between the Dining Hall and Cullen Boulevard). Requests to reserve outdoor organized expressive activity areas must be submitted to the Conference and Reservation Services Office located in room 237 of the Student Center South. Reservations must be made at least 5 business days in advance of the proposed organized expressive activity. Prior to submitting a reservation request, it is the responsibility of the requesting group or individual to obtain an expressive activity approval from the Dean of Students Office. To request approval, groups or individuals must submit a completed Expressive Activity Description Form to the Dean of Students Office at least seven business days in advance of the proposed activity. Amplified sound is limited to between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to midnight on class days. On non-class days, amplified sound is permitted from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. Generated sound output shall not exceed established decibel levels. Amplified sound is not permitted in the Butler Plaza area.

Amplified sound is permitted only as described in the Freedom of Expression Policy.

A copy of the University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy may be obtained in the Dean of Students Office, Room236, Student Center South and is available on the University of Houston Manual of Administrative Policies and Procedures Web Pages at [http://www.uh.edu/mapp/Web%20.pdfs/130101.pdf](http://www.uh.edu/mapp/Web%20.pdfs/130101.pdf). In addition to the Freedom of Expression Policy, expressive activities must conform to the behavior expectations of UH students outlined in the Student Disciplinary Policies and Procedures published in the [University of Houston Student Handbook](http://www.uh.edu/dos/hdbk/).
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The following information is required for individuals or groups who wish to engage in expressive activities in an outdoor expressive activity area of the University’s campus which requires advance reservations.

Date of Application: ________________  Proposed Date of Activity: ________________

Activity Start Time: ________________  Activity Finish Time: ________________

Proposed Location: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Activity: ______________________________________________________________

Anticipated Attendance: ________________  Reservation Request Attached: ________________

Target Audience (check all that apply):

_____  UH Students  _____  UH Students & Their Invited Guests
_____  Students from Other Universities  _____  General Public
Other (describe): __________________________________________________________

Advertising Methods (check all that apply):

_____  Flyers on Campus  _____  Flyers in Community  _____  Daily Cougar Ads
_____  Community Newspaper Ads  _____  Radio Ads  _____  TV Ads
Other (describe): __________________________________________________________

Activity Description (i.e. speech, rally, open microphone, display, exhibit, etc.):
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Amplified Sound:  _____  Yes  _____  No

Activity Sponsor (UH): _________________________________________________________

Activity Cosponsor (non-UH): __________________________________________________

Applicant/Contact Person
Name: __________________________________________  Phone Number: ______________________
Email Address: _______________________________________________________________
Mailing Address: __________________________________________________________________

Applicant/Contact Person Signature: ____________________________________________

* I have read the policy statement on the opposite side of this sheet, as well as the University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy, and I agree to comply with the policy statement and the University of Houston Freedom of Expression Policy (MAPP 13.01.01).

* “State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) with few exceptions, you are entitled on request to be informed about the information the University collects about you by use of this form; (2) under sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Government Code, you are entitled to receive and review the information; and (3) under section 559.004 of the Government Code, you are entitled to have the University correct information about you that is incorrect.”

Dean of Students Approval: __________________________________________  Date: ______________

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