



## PROTESTS/DEMONSTRATIONS ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

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**Authority:** Wisconsin Administrative Code,  
Chapters 17 and 18

**Initiator:** Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative Affairs

**Responsible Party:** Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administrative Affairs

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The University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee embraces the principles of free speech and the resulting free exchange of ideas. Accordingly, it is the university's intention to allow the unimpeded presentation of ideas by members of the university community in university authorized forums without interference from those who do not agree with the ideas presented while still allowing opposing views to be heard in appropriate alternate forums and/or locations. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Police Department will respond to demonstrations, protests or other events on University controlled property requiring crowd management to safeguard the rights of any person or group to conduct a peaceful and lawful demonstration and to maintain order and protect safety, life and property.

Section UWS 18.11(4) , Wisconsin Administrative Code, establishes restrictions on certain activities in order to preserve order, which is necessary for the enjoyment of freedom by members of the university community and to prevent disruption of and access to instruction, research, public service, extracurricular, or administrative functions. For purposes of this section, the Chancellor's designee shall be the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Affairs and/or the Vice Chancellor's designee.

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will enforce these Administrative Code provisions, as well as other laws, to assure that protests do not occur on university lands or in university buildings which would interfere with or disrupt the function of authorized activities.

An individual or group of individuals who may be in violation of the Code may face penalties as determined under Chapter UWS 17 and/or Chapter UWS 18. When using the authority granted by the Administrative Code, the designated university official(s) will direct the individual or group protesting to: 1) refrain from protesting except in designated areas outside of the university building, and/or 2) comply with specific guidelines set for the building, area, or event.

If the individual or group fails to move the protest/demonstration to the designated area or comply with the limitations on activity in the building or on university lands set by the university official(s), the university official(s) may then declare the assembly to be unlawful and inform the individuals or group that they are subject to removal, immediate arrest, and/or the penalties of Chapters UWS 17 and/or 18 and/or any other applicable laws.

University officials and/or UWM or other law enforcement officers may take appropriate actions to remove and/or arrest those individuals found to be in violation of the this Policy, the Administrative Code, and/or other applicable laws.