

## **Campus Access - Rules, Rights & Responsibilities**

Franklin & Marshall College is a private institution whose grounds are open to members of the College Community, consisting of students, faculty, and employees. The College is also open to those individuals who are expressly invited onto the campus. The College campus and other properties are not public facilities. The College expressly reserves the rights to restrict or prohibit access to and the use of the campus and other properties by members of the general public.

The College seeks to respond to community needs and the needs of the general public by sharing its resources and facilities when appropriate and possible. It encourages the participation of the community in activities of mutual benefit. However, it must protect the central educational purpose for which the College was established and must conserve its resources, both physical and financial. It must also be concerned for the safety of members of College Community. Franklin & Marshall College reserves the right to determine who may enter its property and reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual. The College further reserves the right to restrict the entry and presence of any individual or group on campus and to impose specific limitations or conditions related to entry or presence of any individual or group on campus.

Generally speaking, the campus is open to any speaker whom a member of the College Community has invited and for whom official arrangements to speak have been made with the College. Unless specifically designated as “open to the general public”, all meetings, activities and events on campus are considered to be private.

There are events that are held on College grounds that are open to the general public. These events will be specifically designated as “open to the general public.” Please check the College’s Website ([www.fandm.edu](http://www.fandm.edu)) to determine whether an event is “open to the general public.” While on campus, any individual attending an event designated as “open to the general public” must adhere to all College rules of conduct, all rules and conditions proscribed for that event as well as state and federal law. Members of the general public who are authorized to attend events that are designated as “open to the general public” are authorized to enter campus for the sole purpose of attending the event and to traverse the campus directly to and from the building or location of the event. No authorization is given to enter any building other than the building where the event is scheduled to occur. Members of the general public are asked not to interfere with, accost or disrupt any member of the College Community while on campus. Members of the general public are directed to leave promptly following the event.

In instances in which the College makes any of its facilities available for use by any other group or organization, the group or organization may impose additional limits and restrictions upon attendance at the events it sponsors. The College shall have no liability or responsibility for actions of such parties.

### **Protests**

The right of free expression at the College includes the opportunity to engage in peaceful dissent, protests in peaceable assembly and orderly demonstrations, which may include picketing and

distribution of leaflets, subject to the general requirements of this policy. These rights involve a concurrent obligation on the part of all members of the College Community, guests and visitors to maintain an atmosphere conducive to scholarly pursuits and to respect the rights of all individuals on campus. Peaceful dissent, protests in peaceable assembly and orderly demonstrations by members of the College Community are permitted on campus, subject to approval as to schedule and location by the appropriate College official. No protests or demonstrations that disrupt regular or essential operations of the College or infringe upon the rights of others, particularly the right to listen, will be tolerated.

The right of peaceful protest and orderly demonstration is generally open only to the College Community. The right of peaceful protest and orderly demonstrations by persons who are not members of the College Community shall be limited to protest and demonstration in connection with and related to a specific event that is "open to the general public" and must be associated with or related to attendance at the event.

Any individual or group seeking to protest at an event must register their request to protest with the College at least 48 hours ( or 72 hours if the event is to occur on a holiday or during a weekend) in advance of the event. Contact should be made with the Office of the Dean of the College. Individuals or groups wishing to protest will be advised of these College protocols surrounding peaceful protest and orderly demonstrations. Individuals or groups will also be advised of any additional rules and protocols that may apply to a specific event. The College expressly reserves the right to designate the specific areas in which such activities are conducted.

All individuals and groups planning to engage in activities of the sort described herein must seek approval from the Office of the Dean of the College, who will seek assistance and consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Director of Media Relations when evaluating requests. In asking groups and individuals to seek prior approval for schedule and location for peaceful protest and orderly demonstrations, the College's goal is not to restrict free speech or peaceable assembly. Rather it is to give the College the opportunity to provide space that accommodates the reasonable needs of both the College Community and those engaged in acts of constitutionally protected speech or protest. The College reserves the right to determine the time, place and manner of all such activities.

In addition to the guidelines set forth therein, other factors considered by the College in determining whether a request for peaceful protest or orderly demonstrations should be granted include, but are not limited to, whether such protest or demonstration would

- interfere unreasonably with the activities of other persons. The time of day, size, noise level and general tenor of a meeting, event or demonstration are factors that may be considered;
- cause injury to persons or property or threaten to cause such injury;
- endanger health or safety; or
- knowingly interfere with unimpeded movement in a College location.

Inclusion of the name, telephone number and/or email address of the College sponsoring organization or individual member of the College Community on materials resembling petitions, posters, leaflets, or other materials distributed on campus is required, since attribution promotes

and facilitates civility as well as vigorous debate in the academic community. Anonymous public postings without sponsorship of a registered College organization shall be removed or deleted at the College's sole discretion.

Whenever appropriate, the Office of the Dean of the College, with assistance and consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the Director of Media Relations, will designate clearly marked areas for protest or demonstrations. Activities that take place in the vicinity of College residences, classrooms, the library, Nevin chapel/Miller Lecture and Recital Hall and similar facilities must be conducted in such a way as to respect the necessity for maintaining a reasonable degree of quiet in such areas. The College reserves the right to refuse permission to use a particular area for protests or demonstrations.

It is a violation of College regulations for any person to prevent the orderly conduct of any College activity. Participation in any effort to prevent or disrupt a class or other College function or event, or to seize any College building or part thereof, or to violate the right of an audience to listen at a College function, or to interfere with any activity of any member of the College Community, shall be an offense that shall lead to a request for the offending party to leave College property or other actions as are appropriate under the circumstances and could lead to the arrest and charging of the offending individual. Demonstrations or protests that exceed these limits subject the participants to temporary or permanent separation from the College and the terms of such separation shall be within the sole discretion of the College.

#### Media

All members of the press and media are fully subject to these provisions unless special arrangements have been authorized by the Director of Media Relations or other representative of the Office of College Communications. Media should consult with the Office of College Communications before entering campus. The College reserves the right to refuse recognition of press or media credentials of any individual or organization.

#### No Solicitation

The campus is not open to commercial solicitation of any kind by any person or group.