

**The University of Scranton Policy**

**Contact: The Office of the General Counsel**

## **Free Assembly Policy**

Orderly and rational discussion should continue to be the hallmark of University communications. The promotion of such discussion is one of the principal objectives of any educational community committed to the active pursuit of truth, goodness and unity. This educational community, imbued as it also is with Judeo-Christian ideals, requires nothing less. The University readily acknowledges the rights of members to express their views by way of individual or collective protest on issues of institutional policy or on matters of interest to the University community. However, for reasons of courtesy, information, assistance, and good order, the University requires those contemplating such protests to request a protest permit from the Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students. If the request is approved, the Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students will issue a written permit and furnish a copy to the University Police Department. The University is committed to providing an educational, residential, and working environment that is free from harassment and discrimination. Members of the University community, applicants for employment or admissions, guests and visitors have the right to be free from harassment or discrimination based on race, color, religion, ancestry, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, genetic information, national origin, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law.

This policy applies to all University personnel: staff, faculty, administrators, students, alumni, and visitors to The University of Scranton campus.

See also: Student Code of Conduct & Residence Life and Housing Policy.