

Demonstrations -- Protocols and Parameters

To promote a learning environment that is welcoming to all, this policy provides guidance to students who wish to organize or participate in a gathering, protest, or any form of public demonstration on TUJ-controlled or TUJ-owned premises (“University Property”). In addition to the rights and responsibilities associated with being members of a diverse academic community, there are social and cultural considerations that shape permissible behavior because TUJ is a guest on the private property of Showa Women’s University in a dense residential neighborhood in Japan.

The University upholds academic freedom and civil discourse. In this context, as provided in the [Student Conduct Code](#), “[t]o fulfill its functions of promoting and disseminating knowledge, the university has authority and responsibility for maintaining order and for taking appropriate action, including, without limitation, exclusion of those who disrupt the educational process.”

Protests or demonstrations including activities like marches, parades, picketing, walk-outs or sit-ins (below, “demonstrations”), must be peaceful and non-obstructive. Demonstrations must comply with this policy and local law and regulations.

Consistent with the above purposes, the following guidelines govern demonstrations on University Property:

- (1) Before conducting any protest or public demonstration on University Property, TUJ students must register the proposed event with the Assistant Dean of Students (OSSE) for information, guidance, and preliminary review of compliance with this policy.
- (2) No demonstration may be conducted on University Property without prior acknowledgement of registration from the Assistant Dean of Students acquired at least 48 hours in advance. Participation in such events is limited to university students and employees.
- (3) Demonstration activities must not endanger safety, impede access to facilities, disrupt normal operations (including through impeding access or excessive noise levels), damage property, violate laws, or contravene University or Showa Women’s University policies.
- (4) TUJ retains the authority to determine the time, manner, and suitable areas for such events. Compliance with directives from TUJ officials regarding the logistics of any demonstration is required.
- (5) Generally, demonstrations within University buildings will not be allowed due to inherent disruption to occupants and operations. Demonstrations on University Property outside of TUJ regular hours of operation are prohibited.
- (6) Students engaging in actions that interfere with university operations, impede access, violate directives, pose threats, exceed capacity, disrupt activities, or otherwise violate this policy or local laws may face disciplinary action, up to potential suspension or expulsion, or criminal charges.