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UNIVERSITY  
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**Responsible University Official:**  
Chief, University Police  
**Responsible Office:** Board of  
Trustees  
**Origination Date:** January 16, 1969

## DISRUPTION OF UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS

### Policy Statement

No member of the University shall: a) Engage in conduct that obstructs teaching, research or learning; or b) engage in conduct that obstructs free access to members of the University or to University buildings; or c) disobey general regulations of the University; or d) damage University property or injure members or guests of the University.

### Reason for Policy/Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote an environment conducive to education and research activities.

### Who Needs to Know This Policy

Faculty, Staff and Students

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## Policy/Procedures

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Examples of disruptive conduct include, but are not limited to: Engaging in demonstrations that exceed the bounds of free assembly or lawful advocacy; engaging in conduct that causes or threatens injury to persons or property; acting without authority to prevent another's access to University buildings, facilities or events; interfering with or obstructing fire, security, police or emergency officials acting in performance of their duties; destroying or damaging University property or the property of others; or causing false fire alarms, or making false reports of emergencies or dangerous conditions.

### Violations

Members of the University may be disciplined for conduct in violation of this policy by dismissal from the University, or by some lesser disciplinary action through procedures established within the University for the governance of its members. Violators may also face criminal prosecution.

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## Website Addresses for This Policy

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[GW University Policies](#)

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## Definitions

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<b>Member of the University</b>	A person, group or organization, including visitors, having a connection with the University, whether the connection is formal or informal, recognized or unrecognized.
<b>University Police Officials</b>	UPD employees have the authority to enforce this policy.

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## Related Information

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[Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities, Code of Student Conduct](#)  
[Residential Community Conduct Guidelines and Administrative Policies](#)  
[Employee Handbook](#)  
[Faculty Code](#)

Board of Trustees Resolution, January 16, 1969

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## Who Approved This Policy

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Board of Trustees Resolution, January 16, 1969  
Beth Nolan, Vice President and General Counsel

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**History/Revision Dates**

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