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First Amendment Basics

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UA Mall – Designated Public Forum

- Government intentionally designates and opens non-public forum to expressive activity by class of speakers
- Neither **content nor viewpoint discrimination** are allowed
- Time, place, manner restrictions permissible

Free Speech Test

- Is it compatible with the environment/activity?
- If it isn't – offer alternatives

What is Disruptive Behavior and Unprotected Speech?

- Behavior that is incompatible with the activity
- Heckling to extent that speaker/audience can't hear
- Sexual or racial harassment (severe, pervasive, repetitive to ONE PERSON)
- True threats of violence
- Incitement of imminent lawless action

What about Hate Speech?

- 1st Amendment restricts UA from placing selective limitations on speech/expression if it is **insensitive, boorish** or **expressive view points on disfavored subjects**
- 1st Amendment forbids University from **regulating or punishing speech** or **expression of ideas/messages** because they are **offensive or controversial**

What Can We Address?

- Speech which is likely to incite imminent lawless action
- Speech which is harassing (severe, pervasive, persistent, hateful toward ONE PERSON)
- Speech which is disruptive/not appropriate to the forum
- Discrimination, harassment, retaliation against an individual based on a protected class.

What Should Your Actions Be?

- If you think someone (or a group) is being disruptive and/or blocking access to (in or out) of a building or room – Call the Dean on Call at: 520-349-0030**
- Trained DOS staff person will address the situation and confer with UAPD and your event staff