

to disciplinary action. Students are encouraged to review the [Notice to the CUNY Community Regarding File Sharing and Copyright Infringement](#).

Freedom of Information

Requests to inspect public records at the college should be made to the records access officer by visiting 1405 Boylan Hall, or calling 718.951.3118. Public records are available for inspection and copying by appointment only. You have a [right to appeal](#) to the general counsel and vice chancellor for legal affairs if the college has not granted your request for access to its public records. Students are encouraged to review the [CUNY Procedures for Public Access to Public Records Pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Officers Law](#). Information is also available at the reference desk of the Brooklyn College Library.

Freedom of Speech and Campus Demonstrations

As a public entity and an educational institution committed to the robust and free exchange of ideas, Brooklyn College upholds the right of free speech protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Under the First Amendment, the belief that a topic or viewpoint is detestable is not a legitimate ground for its suppression.

Brooklyn College supports the right of students, faculty, and staff to peaceably demonstrate, provided they do not disrupt the normal educational operation of the campus. For example, clip boarding and leafleting may take place on campus, so long as it does not disrupt the educational environment. The college may reasonably restrict the time, place, and manner in which activities occur on campus. Persons may not block corridors or entrances to any area. They may not block or otherwise interfere with the free flow of pedestrian, vehicular, bicycle, or other traffic. Use of amplified sound will not be permitted without prior approval from the vice president for student affairs, and may not disrupt a conference, meeting, or class.

Free expression may not violate the civil rights or safety of others. Persons may not harass, physically abuse, or threaten any person. They may not destroy or damage college property. For safety reasons, guns, knives, sharp objects, batons, torches, glass items, sticks, poles, and anything else that may be used as a weapon are prohibited. Wood or Plexiglas cannot be used for signs and posters; they must be made of foam or cardboard. At any time prior to or during an event, should a safety concern arise that cannot be addressed effectively, the director of public safety and security may cancel an event.

Persons must comply with all applicable university policies and procedures, including the Rules and Regulations for the Maintenance of Public Order (commonly known as the Henderson Rules). Violations of these rules may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Grievance Procedures

Grievance procedures for specific college rules and regulations differ depending on the nature of the complaint. Any student who has a grievance against another member of the college community may receive guidance on the appropriate complaint procedure in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 2113 Boylan Hall.

Hate Crimes