



Freedom of Expression

You are walking to class and come across an individual or group expressing a view on a topic that doesn't necessarily agree with your own...

As a student, what do I need to know?

- I have the right to:
 - 1) Listen
 - 2) Walk away
 - 3) Engage in a lawful way that does NOT limit or prevent the individual or groups expressive activity

- I DO NOT have the right to:
 - 1) Prevent the individual/group from expressing their views
 - 2) Engage in a hecklers veto, otherwise known as silencing the individual/groups expressive activity

The fine print...

- As a public institution of Higher Education, Southeastern enjoys the ability to welcome noncommercial expressive activities, from both the campus community and members of the public, as long as the said activity is not unlawful and does not materially or substantially disrupt the functions of the University.

- Southeastern does not have “free speech zones”, all outdoor areas are open for use as public forums, as long as the said area is not reserved by another member of the campus community for an event or activity.

- Members of the campus community shall not engage in conduct that intentionally, materially and substantially disrupts another person's expressive activity if that activity is occurring in a campus space reserved for that activity under the exclusive use or control of a particular group.