

University Free Speech and Speaker Policy

Salve Regina's inclusive academic community welcomes the expression of diverse views and we take seriously our mission to help students develop their critical thinking skills by cultivating thoughtful, honest and respectful debate. The University's long-standing commitment to free speech and expression is critical in our pursuit to expand worldviews and affirm our common humanity.

Diverse opinions among members of the university community and among those expressing their views as sanctioned guests may not always be in agreement with popular consensus. Permission to use University facilities does not imply University endorsement, sponsorship or support. While respectful free speech is protected on campus, the University will not facilitate expression that is in violation of the law, is grossly obscene or offensive, or that poses an unreasonable threat to the safety of any member of the Salve Regina community. Speech that incites violence, constitutes a genuine threat, unlawfully discriminates, invades privacy, disrupts normal University functions or threatens the safety of property will not be tolerated.

Members of the University community are free to comment on, criticize and contest views that others express, but they are also expected to do so in a respectful manner that does not prevent, impede, or obstruct the freedom of others to also exercise their rights to express themselves.