Visitor Policy/University Statement on Privacy

Stanford University is committed to protecting the privacy of its students, faculty, and staff, and to ensuring that no activities interfere with education, research, or residential life.

The University is private property, but some areas of the campus, such as White Plaza, public eating areas (such as Tresidder Union), outdoor touring areas, and locations to which the public has been invited by advertised notice (such as public educational, cultural, or athletic events), are typically open to visitors. Even in these locations, visitors must not interfere with the privacy of students, faculty, and staff, or with educational, research, and residential activities. The University may revoke at any time permission to be present in these or any other areas. Visitors should not be in academic or residential areas unless they have been invited for appropriate business or social purposes by the responsible faculty member, student, or staff member.

No commercial activity, including taking photos or similar audio or visual recordings that are sold to others or otherwise used for commercial purposes, may occur on the campus or in University programs without the University’s permission. Requests for permission should be submitted to the Director of University Communications or, as appropriate, the Dean of Students, the Department of Athletics, or the Office of Public Events. Recognized student groups and official units of the University will be granted such permission so long as they do not violate privacy or property interests of others; so long as any sale of their products is predominantly on campus to students, faculty, and staff; and so long as they comply with applicable University policies and procedures.

Violators of this policy may be subject to criminal and/or civil liability, as well as University disciplinary action.