

# Guest Speakers in the Classroom Guidelines for Orderly Expression and Safety

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Freedom of expression and academic freedom are fundamental rights supported by the Faculty Senate in its [Resolution on Freedom of Expression](#). These rights, and the right to reasonable dissent, are upheld by American University in its [Guidelines for Freedom of Expression and Dissent](#).

Faculty are encouraged to invite guest speakers to their classrooms, including those that may present controversial viewpoints. The following guidelines provide, in advance of an event, the relevant Department Program Director, or Dean and, if determined appropriate in consultation with such administrative officials, the Department of Public Safety. The Dean of & μ o a n s e r v e s a n o p t i o n a l r e s o u r c e n t h i s d e s c r i b e d b e l o w .

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## a. Student Responsibilities

Students are encouraged to participate in a class. Only those students who are enrolled in a course may be present at any class meeting, including those with guest speakers.

It is foreseeable that students enrolled in a course to which a guest speaker is invited may

to build a question-and-answer period into these class meetings to advance educational objectives. Asking questions of the speaker in a civil, orderly way is encouraged.

Moderator/Facilitator