

# DPS/CRB Policy Revisions and Recommendations

DPS proposed SOP 2009-05 Section V. PROCEDURES: Arrests:  
Procedures: When a Physical/Custodial Arrests will NOT be made.

Academic Classes or Settings: DPS Officers will not make a physical arrest on any person, to include any student, faculty or staff in an academic classroom or other setting when instruction is currently ongoing. This will not apply in the following circumstances:

- a. There is probable cause to believe that the suspect committed a violent felony offense.
- b. W\Yb ]b í\ch di fgi ]hí cZU gi gdYWh h\Uh \Ug Vta a ]hYX UbmZY`cbmcf misdemeanor offense.
- c. The suspect is believed to be armed with a weapon.
- d. The suspect has made threats of violence towards himself or others.

Note: When possible or feasible and without jeopardizing any persons safety the DPS Officer will facilitate communications with the professor or instructor to coordinate the removal of a student from an academic classroom setting.

CRB recommendations:

This policy is designed to provide DPS guidance for arrests made in academic classrooms and settings.

Physical arrests in the academic setting can significantly disrupt the academic community. Any arrests in an academic classroom or setting when instruction is currently ongoing will thus be made in a manner that minimally impacts the learning environment whenever possible. The physical arrest of any person in the academic classroom or setting to include any student, faculty, or staff member will be guided by the following:

1. With the exception of significant threat and imminent danger, all arrests in the academic setting will be coordinated by a DPS Supervisor. The DPS supervisor is expected to examine the severity of the offense and ensure that other options have been exhausted or are not viable prior to making an arrest while instruction is ongoing. If an arrest is warranted, the DPS supervisor will in turn communicate with the professor and/or Student Services prior to the arrest of the student. In the case of an arrest of staff or faculty, DPS will coordinate k ]h\ h\Y ]bX]j ]Xi U`g X]fYWh gi dYfj ]gcf Ug k Y`` Ug bch]Zmh\Y XYUb.
2. Barring an imminent danger, DPS response to threats of self-harm will be coordinated with Counseling Services.





Chief of Campus Safety and Emergency Management Services, as well as the appropriate prosecutors office.

G) Depending on the circumstances, an internal investigation into the late discovery may be initiated.

H) Syracuse University Department of Public Safety personnel shall cooperate with the appropriate prosecutors office to ensure full transparency regarding the investigation and the discovery of potential exculpatory or impeachment evidence.