



Ley Student Center
Rice Memorial Center

Rice University Student Center Guidelines For Chalking

A. Chalking

1. General Provisions

Recognized student groups/offices may use chalk in designated areas of the Student Center and under specific conditions as a means of expressing their views and exchanging information. If a specific use is not indicated in these guidelines, it is assumed that use is not permitted. Only non-toxic, water-soluble chalk may be used. Chalking is permitted only in the Ray Courtyard, Rice Memorial Center portion of the Student Center. Chalking is only permitted on the ground and may not extended to, or include, walls, columns, benches, tables, or part of any facility or structure. Chalk not in designated or reserved areas will be removed at the expense of the group.

2. Open Expression

Any member of the university community may write in the designated Expression area of the Ray Courtyard, Rice Memorial Center portion of the Student Center. Only water soluble, non-toxic chalk may be used, and individuals are asked to be efficient in their use of the space and leave room for others to do the same. This area will be cleaned on a weekly basis, generally on Friday afternoon. Be the person or group responsible for the chalking that contains vulgar or profane language, or sexist, homophobic, or promote practices that violate college guidelines will be removed, as will those that contain hurtful messages directed towards individuals.

3. Eligibility/Application Process

Chalking in the Ray Courtyard must be reserved in the same manner and under the same conditions as other space reservations, in the Student Center. Please go to www.rice.edu/sc, call (713) 348-3778, or stop by the Student Center Administration Office, located on the lower level (across from Willy's Pub) of the Student Center. All University space use policies and procedures will also apply.

4. Duration and Clean-up

There will be a one-week duration limit, which will include one day to clean up the chalking. If the group does not clean up the chalking, future approval will be denied and a clean up fee will be assessed. Failure to remove the chalk in a timely manner will result in the following fee: 1st offence - \$25 fee, 2nd offence - \$50 fee, 3rd offence \$75 fee and you cannot reserve space again. If needed, the Student Center can provide a bucket and brush to assist the group/student with cleanup.