



SF Saints: FAQs on Richard Spencer Event at UF

- 1. Please provide me with information about the Richard Spencer event.**
 - a. Mr. Richard Spencer, President of the National Policy Institute, is scheduled to speak at the University of Florida Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, October 19 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information from the University of Florida, please see <https://freespeech.ufl.edu/qa-for-1019-event/>*

- 2. Will SF open for normal business on October 19?**
 - a. Yes. SF will be open for normal business on October 19, 2017. No SF classes will be cancelled and no SF offices will be closed because of the Richard Spencer event.*

- 3. Will the SF bus schedule change on October 19 because of the Richard Spencer event?**
 - a. No. All routes to SF will run their regular schedule on October 19. Even so, there will be a few road closures in the area near UF starting as early as 8:00 a.m. on that day. SF students who live in and around the UF campus, and those whose children attend schools in that area may be impacted by adjustments in traffic patterns.*

- 4. Are there safety concerns for those who attend the event?**
 - a. Yes. Given the violence that occurred in Charlottesville in August, there are safety concerns connected with this event. As such, the University of Florida and others are spending approximately \$500,000 to increase security measures. Even so, the University of Florida and law enforcement agencies have recommended that students avoid the Richard Spencer event as well as the area near the UF Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on October 19. There will be road closures and limited access to this area of UF. Law enforcement agencies also encourage community members to pay close attention to surroundings and report any concerning or threatening behavior.*

- 5. I support Richard Spencer and I plan to attend the event. Will SF sanction me in any way because of my attendance?**
 - a. No. SF supports free speech. Every student has the right to attend this event. Only behavior that violates the Student Conduct Code is investigated for possible sanctions. See the Student Conduct Code at <https://www.sfcollege.edu/studentaffairs/student-conduct/index>. Even so, this is a ticketed event and only those who have been issued tickets in advance will be able to attend. Those without tickets will not be allowed to be near the venue and event.*

- 6. I oppose Richard Spencer and I plan to attend the event. Will SF sanction me in any way because of my attendance?**
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- 7. I fear for my safety. May I be excused from my classes on October 19?**
- Each instructor has a written policy about attendance and absences. Please refer to the attendance policies in your syllabi and talk with your individual instructors if you need to miss class for any reason.*
- 8. Is it safe for me to come to SF on October 19?**
- Your personal safety is a top priority. SF has a police department open 24/7 in Building T on the Northwest campus. We also have law enforcement who will respond to all SF Centers in any emergency.*
- 9. Richard Spencer's message causes me emotional distress. Is there anyone available to help me?**
- Students who need emotional support may visit the SF Counseling Center in R-227 or call 352-395-5508. The Counseling Center provides short-term, solution- focused counseling to SF students free of charge, as well as crisis intervention, outreach and consultation. The Counseling Center is open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. And the Counseling Center will be open for walk-ins on October 19th and 20th. After hours, you may reach out to the Alachua County Crisis Center at 352-264-6789. The Crisis Line is a 24-hour telephone crisis intervention and counseling service offered by trained volunteers under the supervision of the Crisis Center staff. Phone counselors are always available to listen to problems and participate in their solution.*
- 10. Are there any public forums in which we can discuss what this event means for our community?**
- Yes. The SF Democracy Commitment and SF Student Life will host a Times Talk at the SF Library on the Northwest campus on October 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the Richard Spencer event.*

11. I would like to get more involved in issues related to social justice and or First Amendment Rights. Are there any SF clubs that I might consider?

- a. *Yes. Visit Student Life online at <https://www.sfcollege.edu/student/index.php> and in person in Building S, First Floor Lobby, visit the Civic Engagement and Service Office online at <https://www.sfcollege.edu/student/ces> and/or visit the SF Student Organizations page at <https://sfcollege.campuslabs.com/engage> to explore your options.*

12. I am experiencing some concerns that are not addressed elsewhere on this FAQ sheet and I would like to talk with someone. What support is available for me at SF?

- a. *Students who need support with college issues may visit the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs in R-211 or call 352-395-5648.*