

**Policy Title:** Public vs. Private Space

**Status:** FINAL

**Original Policy Date:** Nov. 12, 2024

**Oversight Executive:** Dean and Cabinet

**Applies To:** All UVA School of Data Science space

**Publicize Policy?** Yes

## REASON FOR POLICY

At School of Data Science, we value a vibrant academic environment where collaboration, discussion, and community flourish. As part of our commitment to these principles, we aim to balance personal expression with the shared spaces we use for learning, teaching, and connecting with one another.

This policy seeks to clarify expectations regarding public and private spaces in relation to personal expression, ensuring that all members of our university community feel supported and included. This framework underscores our shared responsibility to cultivate an environment where academic discourse thrives, personal expression is respected, and our community's diverse perspectives are celebrated.

The policy extends to all School of Data Science properties, including 1919 Ivy Road, 102 Cresap and 108 Cresap, as well as any future spaces or facilities designated for or primarily used by the School.

## DEFINITIONS

### Public Space

Public spaces within an academic building are areas accessible to all members of the institution, including faculty, staff, students, and visitors. These spaces are designed to facilitate open interaction, collaboration, and community engagement. Examples include:

- Entryways, lobbies, and hallways
- Classrooms and lecture halls
- Meeting and conference rooms
- Lounges, kitchens, communal study areas, and event spaces
- Restrooms and shared amenities

### Private Space

Private spaces are areas with restricted access, intended for specific individuals or groups to carry out designated functions or activities. These spaces support focused work,

confidential discussions, or specialized tasks and are typically not open to the general public without permission. Examples include:

- Faculty and staff offices
- Shared labs or rooms with assigned workstations
- Storage areas, maintenance rooms, and IT infrastructure spaces

### **Public-Private Space**

Public-private spaces are areas that are publicly accessible but are managed and regulated by administration to ensure appropriate use. These spaces are designed for specific purposes and often require adherence to guidelines or scheduling for access. Examples include:

- Nursing rooms for lactation and infant care
- Wellness rooms for rest, meditation, or health-related needs

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Only academic or school-related material can be posted on:
  - a. Office doors facing outward
  - b. White boards in public spaces
  - c. Bulletin boards in public spaces
  - d. Assigned workstations or cubicles in communal areas
2. Posted material must be agreed upon by all occupants.
3. Community boards for material or announcement that is connected to the School or affiliated with the School to be installed in public areas must be marked by owner and have a removal date.

Next Scheduled Review:

Approved: SDS Dean

Approved Date: Dec. 6, 2024