



1. PURPOSE

This policy clarifies faculty rights and responsibilities with regard to academic freedom.

2. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

Faculty.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The University subscribes to the definition of academic freedom elaborated by the American Association of University Professors.* Specifically, faculty should take care to be accurate, show respect for the free exchange of ideas, and make it clear that they are not speaking for the institution. Faculty are entitled to freedom in both research and publication, and in their teaching (although they should not introduce controversial matter unrelated to their class).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

Faculty members are responsible for understanding and subscribing to this policy. The Office of Academic Affairs and the Provost are responsible for providing clarification to faculty members, if needed.

5. APPROVALS & HISTORY

This is a long-standing policy that was reviewed in Fall 2025. The next review is scheduled for Fall 2028.

6. ISSUING OFFICE AND CONTACT

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*1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure, with 1970 Interpretative Comments, including the adopted changes of November 1989 and January 1990.