

## Academic Freedom **and Responsibility**

~~As a public institution, the College does not promote any particular political or religious point of view, but rather encourages exploration of many points of view.~~

**The purpose of this policy is to promote public understanding and support of academic freedom and professional responsibility to the students, to the community, and to College staff.**

**Clackamas Community College is operated for the common good and not to further the interest of either individuals working at the College or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and is applied to teaching and other College-related activities. Academic freedom in its teaching aspect is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the instructor in teaching and of the student in learning. It carries with it duties correlative with rights.**

- 1. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but paid research should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.**
- 2. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject.**
- 3. College and university teachers are members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.**

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 341.290\(2\)](#)  
[ORS 336.477](#)

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U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.  
OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.