

POLICY & PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM

TITLE:	ACADEMIC FREEDOM
EFFECTIVE DATE:	February 25, 2005* <i>(*Title Updates 2/25/05; Original 12/19/00)</i>
CANCELLATION:	none
CATEGORY:	Academic (AA)

POLICY STATEMENT

Delgado Community College is committed to the principles of academic freedom. These principles acknowledge the right of a faculty member to explore without interference the academic area associated with his or her teaching discipline and to provide in the classroom and in the College such exposition of that area as is consistent with College policy and with prevailing standards of academic integrity and discourse.

Among the responsibilities assumed by the faculty member enjoying the privileges of academic freedom is the responsibility to indicate clearly when that faculty member is speaking or writing as an official designee of the College and/or the [Louisiana Community and Technical College System \(LCTCS\)](#) and when that faculty member is speaking or writing as a private citizen. Additionally, consistent with the animating principles of academic freedom, the faculty member must encourage and support the spirit of free and open inquiry in the classroom and in the College and refrain from the dogmatic promotion of one particular point of view to the exclusion of all reasonable alternatives.

When not officially designated to represent the College or the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), the faculty member must indicate clearly that she/he is speaking as an individual citizen. Implicit among numerous responsibilities that must be assumed by those enjoying these privileges of academic freedom shall be that of refraining from insisting upon the adoption by students or others of any particular point of view as authoritative in controversial issues.

Furthermore, Delgado Community College hereby adopts the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) official Statements and Interpretations on Academic Freedom. Specific information on the AAUP's statements can be accessed through the organization's official [AAUP website](#).

Reference:

American Associate of University Professors Official Statements and Interpretations
on Academic Freedom

Louisiana Community and Technical College System [Policy #1.044, Rank,
Promotion, Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of the Faculty and Staff](#)

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