

**Article VI:** Human Resources/Instruction

**Section A:** Academic Freedom and Responsibility

**Policy 010:** Academic Freedom

**VI.A.010:** Academic freedom is the freedom to pursue knowledge and develop lines of thought or argument without fear of reprimand or retribution. Academic freedom primarily applies to faculty, allowing faculty to present ideas and facts (including those that are unpopular or controversial) in a manner of their choosing; students shall also have the freedom to inquire, challenge or disagree, and develop their own lines of thought or argument.

Academic freedom is ingrained with academic responsibility and does not permit faculty or students to ignore College regulations, inappropriately promote an individual's agenda in the classroom or treat others with disrespect.