

Policy Title Academic Freedom Policy	Effective Date 07/20/72	Policy Number IN-113
Responsible College Division/Department Instruction	Responsible College Manager Title Vice President of Instruction	
Policy Statement <p>The college as an institution will remain neutral on partisan political matters. The neutral position is maintained to encourage an environment where faculty, students, and employees can express individual points of view and to insulate the college from undue political influence or pressure.</p> <p>Faculty at Lakeshore College are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their course competency and outcomes, but they should not introduce controversial matter which has no relation to their course competency and outcomes. Faculty members are expected to educate students to think for themselves, and to facilitate access to relevant materials that they need to form their own opinions. Faculty members are expected to present information fairly, and to set forth justly divergent opinions that arise out of the academic process and professionalism.</p> <p>Examples of individual conduct that is not protected under the Academic Freedom Policy are as follows, but not limited to: threats or verbal harassment directed toward any member of the college community; disorderly conduct on college property or at any college-sponsored function in a manner that disturbs the privacy of other individuals and/or the instructional program; violation of college regulations or policies; and violation of any federal, state, or local criminal law either on campus or at any college sponsored activity.</p>		
Reason for Policy <p>Instruction of higher learning has the responsibility to expose students to controversial ideas and issues within their future academic occupational fields.</p>		
Cross References and Legal Review <p>Created/Adopted: 7/20/72 Reviewed/Revised: 1/14/2025</p> <p>Legal Counsel Review and Approval: N/A Board Policy: III. A. General Executive Constraint, III.B. People Treatment</p>		
Definitions		