

**Academic Affairs**

**BP 4030 ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**References:**

Title 5 Section 51023;  
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirements 13 and 20;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 4.1

Academic freedom exists and is nurtured in our community for the common good of all citizens. Students, faculty, administrators and society itself derive benefits from the practice of academic freedom with its open search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is fundamental for the protection of the instructor's right in teaching and the student's right in learning in the classroom and on the campus. Academic freedom carries with it responsibilities correlative with rights, such responsibilities being implicit in all freedoms and assured by all members of the college to insure the rights of others. (Ref. FA Contract Article 23 – Academic Freedom)

Any issue involving the alleged violation of academic freedom on campus shall follow the procedures of academic due process as provided for the students, faculty and the college, whichever is appropriate.

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