

Academic Affairs

**BP 4030      ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

**References:**

ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.7;  
Title 5 Section 51023

Academic Freedom protects a teacher's right to teach and a student's right to learn and is necessary in order for College of Marin (COM) to fulfill its mission of providing excellent educational opportunities for all members of our diverse community.

The exercise of academic freedom allows society to enjoy the benefits of honest intellectual discourse and the transmittal of unbiased knowledge. COM's academic employees must be free from pressures and demands that restrict intellectual discovery and the dissemination of knowledge. COM shall promote and protect an educational climate in which teachers and students can assert their ideas without fear of reprisal. By the same token, COM faculty and students have a responsibility, under the guidelines of academic freedom, to engage in teaching and learning that honors, respects, and supports divergent viewpoints.

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