

PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE
POLICIES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Policy Title:	Academic Freedom	<u>Number</u> 6Hx20-1.006
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In recognition of the principle of academic freedom at Pensacola State College, the College affirms that faculty members must be free of any arbitrary limitations on the study, investigation, presentation, or interpretation of facts and ideas. Academic freedom does not, however, allow an instructor the right to deviate from the general course description found in Pensacola State College's catalog or the major learning objectives specifically stated in the district course syllabus. Faculty members recognize their obligation to maintain at all times a professional attitude toward students.

When a faculty member writes, speaks, or otherwise expresses himself or herself, the public may judge both the faculty member's institution and profession by his or her statements. Therefore, the faculty member shall show appropriate respect for the opinions of others and in the expression of personal opinions indicate that he or she is not a spokesperson for Pensacola State College.

Within the limits of the law, faculty members possess that freedom of association and expression which is guaranteed to all persons by the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

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