

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
INSTRUCTION POLICY**

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Three Rivers College affirms that institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual faculty member or the institution as a whole. Academic freedom is fundamental to the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and the rights of the student to freedom in learning. However, these rights are qualified; selected examples of such qualifications are presented below. These examples are interpretive statements on academic freedom from the 1940 Statement of Principles of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). These interpretations were adopted by the AAUP in April 1970 and endorsed by the Fifty - Sixth Annual Meeting as Association Policy, these statements were further revised in 1977.

The college endorses academic freedom as essential to the search for truth and its free expression, both in teaching and research. Freedom in research is fundamental to the advancement of truth. From an instructional basis, academic freedom is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty in their teaching discipline and of the student in the pursuit of advanced learning. It carries with it duties correlative with these rights. More specifically, the individual faculty member is:

1. Entitled to full academic freedom in creative activity, research, and the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of his/her other academic responsibilities, but research for pecuniary return should follow the prescribed procedures approved by the institution.
2. Entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but the faculty should be careful not to introduce into his/her teaching controversial matters which are not related to the subject matter.

A member of the faculty is a citizen, a member of a learned profession, and a representative of the educational institution. When a member of the faculty speaks or writes as a citizen, he/she should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but his/her special position

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in the community imposes special obligations. As an individual in an academic community, he/she should remember that the public may judge his/her profession and his/her institution by his/her actions and statements. Hence, he/she should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that he/she is not an institutional spokesperson (Policy Documents and Reports, American Association of University Professors, rev. 1977).

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