

Freedom of Expression/Academic Freedom

The Board seeks to educate its students in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, and to inspire meaningful awareness of and respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of expression, as defined by federal and state law and by Board policy, will be guaranteed to instructors to create a classroom atmosphere that allows students to raise questions dealing with critical issues.

Issues in controversy, where they are properly a part of the course content, should not be avoided. A fair presentation of all points of view and an attitude on the part of the instructor which encourages students to evaluate critically is appropriate.

The instructor is responsible for exercising judgment in selecting issues of educational value for discussion.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 341.290\(2\)](#)
[ORS 336.477](#)
[OAR 589-008-0100\(1\)\(f\)](#)

U.S. CONST. amend. I; U.S. CONST. amend. XIV.
OR. CONST., art. I, § 8.

Cross Reference(s):

INB - Teaching about Controversial Issues/Academic Freedom