

**Academic Freedom: Professors**

Reference: Title 5, Sections 51023, 51023.5; Accreditation Standard II.A.7

Under the principles of academic freedom, the Professor has the right to discuss in the classroom all issues, however controversial, that the Professor considers relevant to the nature of the course. This right carries with it the responsibility of considering controversial issues objectively. While the Professor has the right to present conclusions to which the evidence points, the Professor has the responsibility of acknowledging the existence of and showing respect for opposing opinions.

Outside the classroom, the Professor has the right as a private citizen to speak and act freely on controversial issues. The Professor has the responsibility of avoiding the association of a personal viewpoint with the name of the college.

To ensure these principles of academic freedom, the Board of trustees and the administration of Palo Verde College shall at all times demonstrate their support by actively maintaining and defending freedom for the academic community.

See Administrative Procedure 4030-1

*(Formerly PVC Board Policies 6270, 6400, 6410 and 6430)*

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