

04.01.03 Academic Freedom

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Policy / Purpose:

It is the policy of Wallace Community College – Selma (WCCS) to comply with Alabama Community College System (ACCS) [Board Policy 719.01](#) as it relates to academic freedom.

Scope:

This policy applies to all WCCS students and employees during any activity involving the College, including the workday. In addition, visitors, vendors, contractors, and all other non-employees are expected to recognize and comply with College policies.

Definitions:

Academic Freedom: The freedom of an instructor or student to discuss or investigate topics in the academic discipline or course without fear of interference or penalty.

Details:

1. **Academic Freedom:** WCCS allows faculty and students the freedom to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism when discussing the academic discipline or course related subjects. However, the principle of academic freedom will not prevent the College from ensuring that instruction is delivered in accordance with its mission and goals. Any instructor or student who believes that their academic freedom has been violated has the right to file a complaint following the College's appropriate complaint policy.

Procedure(s):

There are no procedures applicable to this policy.

Additional Provisions / Information:

Refer to the Employee Complaints and Grievances Policy.

Refer to the Student – Formal Complaints Policy.