

# COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

## BOARD POLICY NO. 3120

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### **Academic Freedom and Responsibility (Students)**

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Reference: American Association of University Professors. (2006, October 26). *Student Rights and Freedoms* (Policy Tenth Ed. 2, pp. 273–279).  
<https://www.aaup.org/AAUP/pubsres/policydocs/contents/stud-rights.htm>

#### **Academic Freedom**

The College of Micronesia-FSM recognizes the principle of academic freedom for each student. This principle asserts that: each student is entitled to examine and test all knowledge appropriate to their discipline or area of major study as judged by the academic/educational community in general. Student performance is evaluated solely on an academic basis.

#### **Responsibility**

1. Students should be free to disagree, or comment on the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled.
2. Students have protection through grievance procedures against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. At the same time, they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled.
3. Information about student views, beliefs, and political associations that professors acquire in the course of their work as instructors, advisors, and counselors should be considered confidential. Protection against improper disclosure is a serious professional obligation. Judgments of ability and character may be provided under appropriate circumstances, normally with the knowledge and consent of the student.

Any student, when speaking, writing, or acting as a private individual, is responsible for taking all proper precautions to ensure that his/her acts, statements, or speech cannot be construed as representing the College as a body.

See Administrative Procedure 3120.