

130.120 – ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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POLICY

Maine Media Workshops + College protects the rights of faculty members and students to freely seek, explore and express information, opinions and ideas without restriction or interference.

PROCEDURE

Faculty members are free to express their own opinions in the classroom, however, they should be cautious about discussing controversial issues unrelated to the subject matter. College and university teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they 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 they are not speaking for the institution.