



ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Applied Research & Innovation – Procedure 11.3

GENERAL STATEMENT

This procedure outlines the rights and responsibilities associated with academic freedom and applies to members of the academic staff and to students.

GUIDELINES

1. The existence of academic freedom creates and maintains protected arenas for critical thought and open discussion vital to the social health of the nation. Accordingly, Lakeland College recognizes the need to ensure that its students and faculty are guaranteed a right to academic freedom.
2. Academic freedom does not imply rights greater than those granted by law to all Canadian residents.
3. As no freedom is absolute and no right is unlimited, those who claim the right to academic freedom also accept the concomitant responsibilities of being open-minded, respectful, ethical and honest.
4. "Freedom" implies that students and instructors will not be subjected to institutional censorship or discipline so long as the concomitant responsibilities in Policy Statement 3 (above) have been upheld.
5. Members of the academic staff are "free":
 - a. To teach and discuss in their classes any aspect of a topic pertinent to the understanding of the subject matter of the course which they are teaching.
 - b. To carry on research and publish the results subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.
 - c. To act or speak in their capacity as a citizen.
6. Students are "free":
 - a. To respectfully raise for discussion in a class any aspect of a topic which they feel is pertinent to the understanding of the subject matter being addressed in that class.
 - b. To assemble on campus for the purpose of civilized discussion of any topic or issue
 - c. To act or speak in their capacity as a citizen.

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Mission: To inspire learner success and community development through innovative learning in an inclusive and diverse environment.

Vision: Ever to excel in a global society.

Values: We value learner achievement, academic excellence and personal growth founded on our longstanding principles of people-centred and respect; accountability and integrity; inclusiveness and collaboration; continuous self-improvement; innovation and pride.