

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

Policy and Procedure

ACADEMIC OPERATING POLICY AND PROCEDURE

MEMORANDUM TO: All Holders of Mississippi State University Academic Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

DATE: April 17, 1989
Revised: November 2006
Revised: February 2012

SUBJECT: AOP 13.11 – Academic Freedom

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Academic Operating Policy and Procedure (AOP) is to provide an understanding and standardization of the policy dealing with Academic Freedom.

REVIEW:

This AOP will be reviewed every four years (or whenever circumstances require an earlier review) by the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs (APAA) with recommendations for revision presented to the Provost and Executive Vice President.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

Mississippi State University recognizes the fact that in the republic of scholars there are certain indisputable rights to freedom of expression. The University encourages the search for knowledge and truth, and does not abridge the scholar's right to reveal his/her finding through appropriate channels by spoken and written word, visual displays, artifacts, or performances (e.g. artistic, musical, theatrical) even if in doing so he/she may find variances with students and professional peers, as well as with the lay community. The scholar must, however, recognize the fact that he/she is also the possessor of opinions, some of which may be subject to human frailty of bias and error. As a free citizen, he/she has the right to express these opinions. The degree to which one expresses them as a scholar, claiming sanctuary in the University is a matter of academic responsibility. The University shall insist upon scholarly objectivity within and outside the classroom.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Year</u>
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs	Review	2016

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