

INSTRUCTION - 800

Academic Freedom Policy (800.6)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges recognizes the principles of academic freedom and is committed to freedom of expression and the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning. In the development of knowledge, research endeavors and creative activities, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges faculty, students, and staff are free to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism.

IECC shall likewise require the exercise of responsible judgment on the part of the District's faculty and staff as they exercise academic freedom in accomplishing the mission of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Faculty are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subjects, but should be careful not to introduce teaching matters which have no relation to their fields. Faculty and students must be able to examine ideas in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence and to participate as responsible citizens in community affairs.

Students are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled, and are evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to established academic criteria and standards.