

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA POLICY

Policy:	Academic Freedom and Responsibilities
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Part I General Policy

The following shall be the general policy of the University with respect to academic freedom and responsibility of persons engaged in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge:

1.1 Academic Freedom:

The common good of society depends upon the search for truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom in the University in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge is essential to these purposes. Persons engaged in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge are, therefore, entitled to freedom in carrying out teaching and in discussing their subjects, and freedom from institutional censorship. Academic freedom carries with it the responsibility to use that freedom in a manner consisted with the scholarly obligation to base research, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in a search for truth.

1.2 Academic Responsibilities:

Persons engaged in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge are members of the community, members of a learned profession, and members of an educational institution. They require continuing effort by all such persons in scholarship and teaching, and at all times, fairness and a due regard for the evidence in making statements. Such persons have the obligation to exercised academic freedom responsibly. They should not state or imply that they speak for the University or any of its units unless duly authorized.

1.3 Further Defining Rights and Responsibilities:

The foregoing general rights and responsibilities of persons engaged in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge may be more specifically defined by the resolution of the Board or, where appropriate, by collective agreement approved by the Board.