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POLICY STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM

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Statement of Commitment

As a Filipino, Catholic, and Jesuit institution of higher learning, the Ateneo de Manila University upholds and exercises academic freedom, consistent with the declaration, in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, that "Academic freedom shall be enjoyed in all institutions of higher learning."

Academic freedom encompasses the rights of each educational institution to determine for itself on academic grounds who may teach, what may be taught, how it shall be taught, and who may be admitted to study. These prerogatives align with the other Constitutional edict on the right of all citizens to quality education.

The University respects and upholds each faculty member's and student's right to individual academic freedom within the ambit of institutional academic freedom. The University's policies, procedures, and guidelines, which address many facets of teaching, learning, and research, demonstrate this dedication.

Academic freedom rights and responsibilities

Faculty exercises certain rights that are grounded in the principle of academic freedom:

- To pursue knowledge without apprehension of suppression or retaliatory measures
- To fulfill academic duties freely, deciding course content without undue constraints
- To conduct research within academic and ethical boundaries
- To seek redress from peers for fair evaluation amid accusations of abuse or suppression of academic freedom

Faculty members have responsibilities that correspond to the rights stemming from academic freedom.

- Adhere to intellectual honesty, teaching truth within ethical limits, aligning with Ateneo de Manila University's Catholic and Jesuit tradition



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- Share academic ideas with peers
- Maintain intellectual openness and respect for diverse perspectives
- Articulate their viewpoints in a reasoned and respectful manner, supported by evidence and argumentation, both within and outside academic environments, while upholding the principles cherished by the educational community

Academic freedom for students includes a broad range of rights and responsibilities:

- To select their academic program from the available curricula, considering the specific conditions and prerequisites for admission to a particular field
- To engage actively in the review of curricula and programs, while also taking an active role in the consultation process, offering constructive feedback, and participating in discussions with pertinent authorities and stakeholders
- To engage in research, actively participate in discussions, and share their findings and recommendations with others while upholding ethical research standards
- To express their ideas in a reasoned and respectful manner, backed by evidence and argumentation, both within and beyond the academic setting, while adhering to the principles upheld by the educational community.