Academic Freedom

Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU) upholds academic freedom and institutional autonomy in accordance with the Philippine Constitution and Republic Act No. 8292. As stipulated in the Faculty Manual, the University recognizes faculty members' freedom to teach subjects aligned with their expertise, engage in research and investigation, and express academic views responsibly. This policy affirms the University's commitment to fostering an environment that promotes intellectual inquiry, academic independence, and responsible expression.



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4.8 Academic Freedom of Faculty Members

Pursuant to paragraph 2, Section 5 of Article XIV of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, all institutions of higher learning, public or private, shall enjoy academic freedom and institutional autonomy (also Sec. 11, RA 8292).

Faculty member enjoys academic freedom; however, inculcation of sectarian tenets in teaching and influencing students for a religious sect and political party is strictly prohibited.

Academic freedom is the right of the faculty members to teach the subject/ courses aligned in their specialization and expertise. This includes freedom of expression, which is not detrimental to the integrity of the State College.

Within this specific framework, the following principles are hereby declared:

a. No member of the faculty may claim the privilege of discussion in the classroom controversial topics not pertinent to the subject;

b. The College should not place any restraint upon the teacher's freedom in the choice of subjects for personally-initiated research and investigation;

c. It is clearly understood that the College assumes no responsibility for personal opinions/ views expressed by the faculty members inside the classroom or in publication;

d. Furthermore, faculty members as authors of articles appearing in State College publications or any other media are personally responsible for the opinions expressed therein.

Any violation of the above provision should be submitted to the Grievance Committee for investigation and shall be sanctioned if found guilty.