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## Academic Freedom Policy

Academic Freedom at LIGS University is considered the right of the faculty to teach, to conduct research, and to publish free of external constraints and the essential right of the student to have freedom in learning. It promotes intellectual diversity and helps achieve the pursuit of truth and the discovery of new knowledge through scholarship and research.

LIGS University affirms that those in its community, including students, faculty, staff, administrators and members of its Governing Board, are free to share their convictions and responsible conclusions with their colleagues and students in their teaching and writing.

LIGS University endorses the spirit and content of the American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) Statement on Academic Freedom (1940).

*"Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.*

*Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject. Limitations of academic freedom because of religious or other aims of the institution should be clearly stated in writing at the time of the appointment.*

*University teachers are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as citizens, they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution."*