

ACADEMICS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

POLICY: 4651 Academic Responsibility; Faculty

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BOARD POLICY

Membership in the State College academic community imposes certain obligations. These obligations include the following duties of academic responsibility:

1. To respect a) the dignity of others; b) the right of others to express differing opinions; c) the right of others to be free from fear, from violence, and from personal abuse; and d) the right of the academic community to be free from actions that impede its normal functioning.
2. To enroll, teach, and evaluate the work of students without regard to considerations such as age, sex, race, color, national origin, religious or political beliefs, or disability.
3. To establish and maintain a classroom or laboratory atmosphere that encourages free inquiry and the free expression of ideas by students.
4. To present the subject matter of courses as announced to the students and approved by authorities responsible for the curriculum.
5. To study current developments and maintain competence in the areas of assigned courses; to examine, continually and critically, the subject matter of such courses, as well as teaching techniques and proposals for improving higher education.
6. To a) fulfill the assigned time schedule of all classes, including quizzes, laboratories, tests, and other meetings, unless absence is caused by an emergency or approved College business. Changes in the scheduled times shall be authorized by the appropriate campus administrator, with the agreement of the enrolled students and in the interest of an academic objective; b) be available at frequent, regular and scheduled times for student consultation; and c) inform students concerning the requirements, standards, objectives, and evaluation procedures at the beginning of each course.
7. To participate, upon request, in the activities of the College in the areas of student advising and public service, and, as appropriate, in the activities of the department, the College, the campus, and the System.
8. To make every effort to indicate that members of the faculty are not spokespersons for the College or System except when authorized so to act.
9. To create and protect an atmosphere of intellectual honesty in the academic community.
10. To comply with federal, state and local laws, and Board and college policies as appropriate.