



FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Policy # 1.008

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**ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY POLICY**

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**PURPOSE:**

Fletcher’s policy on academic responsibility is guided by LCTCS Policy #1.038. The academic freedom of faculty members is accompanied by equally compelling obligations and responsibilities to the profession, students, institutions, and communities.

**POLICY:**

Faculty members must defend the rights of academic freedom while willingly accepting the responsibilities that follow. Faculty members:

- should be judicious in the introduction of material in the classroom without forfeiting the instructional benefits of controversy.
- are entitled to all rights and privileges of academic freedom in the classroom while discussing the subjects they teach. No faculty member, however, should attempt to force a personal viewpoint on students.
- must recognize their responsibility to maintain competency in their disciplines through continued professional development and to demonstrate that competency through consistent preparation and performance.
- must recognize that the public will judge the College and the profession by their public conduct. Therefore, faculty members should always make clear that the views they express are their own and should avoid creating the impression that they speak or act on behalf of the College.

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