

**Academic Affairs****BP 4030 ACADEMIC FREEDOM****References:**

- Title 5, Section 51023;
- ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 13 and 20;
- ACCJC Accreditation Standard 4.1

Cerritos College serves the common good by expanding the boundaries of knowledge and transmitting it imaginatively, preparing students for occupations, and preparing them to live successfully in a free society. The fulfillment of this function necessarily rests on the preservation of academic freedom which protects the rights of teachers to teach and students to learn.

The exercise of academic freedom is necessary if society is to receive the benefits of honest intellectual search and unbiased transmittal of knowledge. Cerritos College scholars must be free from pressures or demands which restrict their intellectual searches. The transmittal of knowledge at Cerritos College shall not be impeded by special interests, conflicting public opinion, or unpopularity. Cerritos College shall avoid a climate of education in which either students or faculty dare not assert their ideas for fear of reprisal. At the same time, Cerritos College faculty and students have a responsibility, under the guidelines of academic freedom, to engage in teaching and learning that honors and respects divergent viewpoints that are grounded in cultures of reason, logic, evidence, responsible scholarship, and creativity.

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