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POLICY

Intellectual and Academic Freedom

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the rights of students and employees at Zayed University to intellectual and academic freedom.

2. Scope of Application

This policy applies to all students and employees at Zayed University.

3. Policy

- 3.1 The university adheres to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19, which states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive, and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”
- 3.2 Zayed University was established by the government of the United Arab Emirates for the education and advancement of its citizens. The university is committed to principles of freedom for teaching and intellectual inquiry and to the ethical and reasoned conduct of research, publication of findings, and expression of ideas and beliefs. Zayed University recognizes that it operates within the context of the culture, mores, and laws of the United Arab Emirates.
- 3.3 The university balances considerations of the students’ culture and religion with access to new ideas and points of view so that its graduates are prepared to assume responsible roles in a global society. Although students may encounter ideas or images that fall outside their own value system or frame of reference at times during their education, the goal is not to alter their beliefs or values but rather to produce responsible graduates with the capacity for independent critical judgment, an understanding of diverse points of view and a tolerance for perspectives different from their own, as Islam promotes. Sensitivity to the local culture is considered.
- 3.4 Any questions or concerns with issues of academic freedom at Zayed University should be addressed through academic channels, beginning with the Assistant or Associate Dean, proceeding to the Dean, and then to the Provost. A student, faculty or staff member who finds instructionally related material or activity

objectionable may request its review by submitting a written statement indicating the reason for the challenge.

4. Related Policies and Laws

ACA-STU-102 Code of Student Conduct

5. Administration

This policy is administered by the Office of the Provost.

6. Revision History

Date	Revision
24 January 2023	Administrative change: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updated the information header and policy numbers to be in line with the new format.• Updated the policy number from ACA-ADM-03 to ACA-PRO-601
24 September 2020	Approved by the Provost. Reviewed with no substantive changes required.
4 November 2019	Non-substantive update of the formatting and policy number.
13 June 2010	Change title from 'Challenges to Instructionally Related Materials or Activities' to 'Intellectual and Academic Freedom. Insert contents of HR -FAC-09 Academic Freedom and use one policy. Responsible office changed from Dean of Library to Office of the Provost.
1 October 2000	New policy approved.