

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

San Bernardino Valley College is committed to the principle that the free expression of ideas is essential to the effective education of its students and should be limited only by the responsibility to express ideas with fairness and in a manner that respects the differing ideas of others and distinguishes between established fact and theories and one's own opinion. No special limitations shall be placed upon the study, investigation, presentation, and interpretation of facts and ideas concerning human society, the physical and biological world, and other branches of learning, subject to accepted standards of academic and professional responsibility. Students shall have the opportunity to study controversial issues and divergent views to arrive at their own conclusions. While students may represent without penalty any opinion in or out of class, they may be required to demonstrate knowledge of views contrary to their own in order to fulfill course requirements. **(Excerpted from Board Policy 4030)**