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Academic Freedom & Responsibility

(All CCAF Faculty members must read and agree to the following prior to teaching students)

Academic Freedom & Responsibility—*Academic freedom* is a respected and honored tradition involving privilege and responsibility. The Community College of the Air Force endorses academic freedom for its faculty members in the classroom environment as essential in attaining truth and its exposition. The principal elements of academic freedom include the freedom to:

- Teach, conduct research and publish research findings.
- Discuss in a classroom any material that is relevant to the subject matter.
- Exercise one's constitutional rights.
- Seek changes in academic and institutional policies through lawful and peaceful persuasion.

Academic freedom carries with it correlative *academic responsibilities*, of which all faculty members should be aware. They include the responsibility to:

- Meet defined teaching, research and service obligations.
- Pursue excellence, intellectual honesty and objectivity in teaching.
- Encourage students and colleagues to engage in free discussion and inquiry.
- Evaluate student and college performance on a scholarly basis.
- Carefully differentiate official activities from personal activities and act accordingly.

Commitment to Excellence—As an institution of higher learning, the Community College of the Air Force is dedicated to offering and awarding job-related associate in applied science degrees and other academic credentials that enhance mission readiness, contribute to recruiting, assist in retention and support the career transitions of Air Force enlisted members. The CCAF instructor ensures the students receive the finest occupational training. The instructor demonstrates this commitment through the following objectives that help build institutional effectiveness throughout the CCAF system:

- Instill the importance of academic integrity in the students.
- Create an environment conducive to student success.
- Ensure students receive an education that will enhance their contributions to the Air Force and our nation.
- Continuously evaluate and recommend curriculum and instructional modifications to fulfill the needs of the Air Force and the student.
- Demonstrate the highest degree of professionalism that students will recognize and emulate as they assume leadership positions.
- Encourage lifelong learning and continuous self-improvement. As an institution of higher learning, the Community College of the Air Force is dedicated to offering and awarding job-related associate in applied science degrees and other academic credentials that enhance mission readiness, contribute to recruiting, assist in retention and support the career transitions of Air Force enlisted members.