

Policy on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression

The law school is committed to protecting academic freedom and freedom of expression.

The law school adheres to Temple University's policy on Student and Faculty Academic Rights and Responsibilities (Policy Number: 03.70.02). Under this policy, the law school considers "faculty" to refer to all individuals teaching in law school courses.

As noted in Temple University's Policy 03.70.12 ("Student Conduct Code"), "Temple University values the rights of students, faculty, and staff to express themselves. A university, by its very mission of education, provides the space for ideas to be tested, views to be challenged, and established wisdom to be questioned. In doing so, students gain valuable skills, learn to hone their arguments, and think rigorously. This tradition of passionate discourse is a time-honored one and remains critical to this day. The expression of controversial ideas and differing views is a vital part of this process."

Academic freedom and freedom of expression at the law school are also governed by other relevant policies and procedures, including but not limited to: the Temple University Employee Manual, Temple Law Building Policies, the Law School Code of Conduct, the MOU between Temple University and the TLPCBA, and other union contracts.