



**Policy Title**  
**Academic Freedom Policy**

**Policy Number**  
**SULC-1-019**

<b>Responsible Unit:</b> Office of Academic Affairs	<b>Effective Date:</b> July 25, 2025
<b>Responsible Official:</b> Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	<b>Last Reviewed Date:</b> July 25, 2025
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**I. Policy Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to inform Southern University Law Center (SULC) faculty of their rights and responsibilities with respect to academic freedom.

**II. Policy Scope**

This policy applies to all faculty, both full- and part-time.

**III. Policy Compliance**

Policy compliance will be overseen by the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in consultation with the Chancellor.

**IV. Policy Definitions**

Not applicable.

**V. Policy and Applicable Procedures**

The Chancellor of the Southern University Law Center, as is the System President and Board of Supervisors, is wholly committed to the principle of academic freedom. Academic freedom is the right of members of the academic community freely to study, discuss, investigate, teach, conduct research, and publish as appropriate to their respective roles and responsibilities. Because the common good depends upon the free search for and exposition of truth and understanding, full freedom in research and publication is essential, as is the freedom to discuss scholarly subjects in

the classroom. Nothing in this policy authorizes conduct that would be in violation of Southern University System policy number SUS-03-003 (Uniform Policy on Campus Free Speech) and/or La. R.S. 17:3399.39.

#### **VI. Policy Related Information**

Not applicable.

#### **VII. Policy History and Review Cycle**

This policy was carried forward unchanged from pages 20-21 Summer 2018 Faculty Handbook, also described as the Faculty Guide. The policy was converted into the current format and approved by the faculty on May 28, 2021. The policy was reviewed and revised, on July 25, 2025, to include a review period. The policy is subject to a five-year review cycle by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

#### **VIII. Publication of Policy**

This policy is published on the Southern University Law Center website at [www.sulc.edu](http://www.sulc.edu).

#### **IX. Policy Approval**

This policy was approved by the faculty on July 25, 2025.



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**Alvin Washington**  
**Chancellor, Southern University Law Center**

July 25, 2025  
**Date**