

**EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
COLLEGE CATALOG 2021-2022 ADDENDUM**ORIGINAL CATALOG PUBLISHED March 2021****Addendum approved by cabinet: June 2, 2021****Addendum published: June 8, 2021****Catalog Addendum Purpose:**

Add required student academic freedom policy language.

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EGCC is committed to promoting and preserving the academic freedom of faculty and students through valuing and respecting diversity of ideas and opinions. Freedom to teach and freedom to learn depend upon appropriate opportunities and conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and within the culture of the institution. All members of the campus community share the right and responsibility to secure and to respect general conditions conducive to exercise of these freedoms. Students have both the right and the responsibility to engage in free inquiry and expression when relevant to the subject under discussion. Students are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled, shall conduct themselves in a mature, responsible manner, and shall be held responsible for maintaining established standards of academic performance.

Students have the right to expect effective instruction and to have their performance evaluated and credit awarded solely on the basis of academic performance. Students should be informed by each instructor at the beginning of each course of the procedures and standards, including class attendance and any other requirements, by which they will be graded. Any student who believes judgment unrelated to academic performance has been received in the classroom has the right to seek and receive from the instructor the reason for the instructor's action. If the student still has an unresolved issue after communicating with the instructor, the student has the right to appeal the issue following the steps laid out in the

student grievance procedure through the Office of Academic Affairs. The instructor's immediate supervisor, either the program director or the dean of the department, would then review the issue. If no resolution is reached, the issue will be escalated to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs.

There is currently no language in the student handbook addressing academic freedom. Add as its own section "Academic Freedom" to page 319 after Non-Discrimination Policies.