



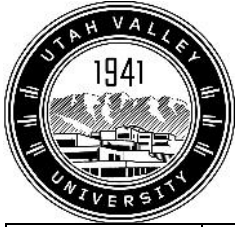
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY Policies and Procedures

Proposed Policy Number and Title: 444 Academic Freedom and Information Access			
Existing Policy Number and Title: 444 Academic Freedom and Information Access			
Approval Process*			
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*See UVU Policy 101 *Policy Governing Policies* for process details.

Draft Number and Date: <u>Stage 2 University Entities Review Draft, Deletion</u>
President’s Council Sponsor: <u>Christina Baum</u> Ext. _____
Policy Steward: <u>Joe Belnap</u> Ext. _____

POLICY APPROVAL PROCESS DATES	
<p>Policy Drafting and Revision Entrance Date: <u>2/8/2024</u></p> <p>University Entities Review Entrance Date: <u>2/8/2024</u> Close Feedback: <u>4/8/2024</u></p> <p>University Community Review Entrance Date: _____ Open Feedback: _____ Close Feedback: _____</p> <p>Board of Trustees Review Entrance Date: _____ Approval Date: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POST APPROVAL PROCESS</p> <p>Verify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Number <input type="checkbox"/> Section <input type="checkbox"/> Title <input type="checkbox"/> BOT approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval date <input type="checkbox"/> Effective date <input type="checkbox"/> Proper format of Policy Manual posting <input type="checkbox"/> TOPS Pipeline and Archives update <hr/> <p>Policy Office personnel who verified and posted this policy to the University Policy Manual</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Date posted and verified: _____</p>



POLICY TITLE	Academic Freedom and Information Access	Policy Number	444
Section	Facilities, Operations, and Information Technology	Approval Date	October 14, 2004
Subsection	Information Technology	Effective Date	October 14, 2004
Responsible Office	Office of the Vice President of Information Technology		

1.0 PURPOSE

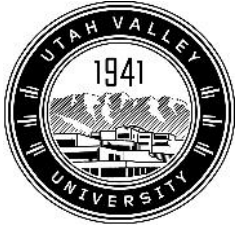
2.0 REFERENCES

- 2.1 UVU Policy 322 *Employee Rights and Responsibility*
- 2.2 UVU Policy 443 *Ethics in Computer Usage*
- 2.3 UVU Policy 444 *Academic Freedom and Information Access*
- 2.4 UVU Policy 541 *Student Rights and Responsibility Policy*
- 2.5 UVU Policy 635 *Faculty Rights and Professional Responsibility*
- 2.6 UVU Policy 637 *Faculty Tenure*

3.0 DEFINITIONS

4.0 POLICY

4.1 To ensure that the same standards and principles of intellectual and academic freedom used in university classrooms, libraries, and other aspects of university life be applied to access for the community to resources available through computer networks. While the resources and discussions on such networks are not truly analogous to classrooms or libraries, the standards of academic freedom used in those settings must be applied. The University's overall principle is that information shall not be censored. This policy is in keeping with the University's commitment to academic freedom, as described in the UVU Policy 541 *Student Rights and Responsibility Policy*, and UVU Policy 322 *Employee Rights and Responsibility*. UVU is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, freedom of



expression, and freedom of the individual are sustained. The commitment is also expressed in UVU Policy 444 *Academic Freedom and Information Access*, UVU Policy 635 *Faculty Rights and Professional Responsibility*, and UVU Policy 637 *Faculty Tenure*, which endorses the “Statement on Academic Freedom in the 1940 Statement of Principles of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).” The University's commitment parallels the national “Library Bill of Rights,” which affirms the importance of making information and ideas available in an environment free from censorship. It is also the policy of the University that the same standards of intellectual and academic freedom developed for faculty, student, and staff publication in traditional media be applied to distribution of ideas and information in electronic media. This policy statement on information access through computer networks compliments the University's overall UVU Policy 443 *Ethics in Computer Usage*, which describes the responsibilities of the University community to use computer resources in an ethical, professional, and legal manner.

4.2 There may be some instances in which resources on the University's computer network shall be made available on a limited basis. The potential reasons for limited dissemination include licensing agreements that define the audience of a given resource, cost factors, and technological constraints.

5.0 PROCEDURES

POLICY HISTORY		
Date of Last Action	Action Taken	Authorizing Entity

○ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Policy 444 Academic Freedom and Information Access

Date:	January 25, 2024
Sponsor:	Christina Baum
Steward(s):	Joe Belnap, Kedric Black
Policy Process:	Regular
Policy Action:	Deletion
Policy Office Editor:	Cara O’Sullivan
Embedded Attorney:	Not applicable.

Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):

Policy 115 *Personal Use of University Property* is a new policy in Stage 1 Drafting that will cover data governance at the University. It will also include the topic covered in Policy 444; therefore, we request that Policy 444 be deleted from the Policy Manual. Policies 444 and 115 will go through the policy process together.

Suggested Changes: Not applicable.

Requested Approval from President’s Council: Entrance to Stage 1 Drafting, regular policy process.

Proposed Drafting Committee: Not applicable.

Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2: This policy will enter Stage 2 at the same time as Policy 115.

Target Date for Board of Trustees Review: [Click here to enter a date.](#)



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