

The Gordon State College Instructor

All part-time faculty who teach for Gordon State College are expected to provide first-rate instruction in each course. As far as students and the public are concerned, the faculty are the College.

Faculty are expected to meet each class at the designated place and time, to hold class for the entire time specified, and to be fully prepared for every class. If a part-time faculty member must be absent, the Department Head must be notified in sufficient time that the class can be covered. Classes are cancelled only in cases of emergency.

In keeping with the college's long established tradition of academic freedom, Faculty members are free to present and to discuss their subject in the classroom as they understand it to be the truth. In their teaching, they should avoid the introduction of controversial matter which has no relation to their subject, and where controversial matter is relevant, they are expected to represent all significant points of view fairly, out of respect for their profession and for their students. They are free to pursue the truth through research and to publish their findings subject to the satisfactory performance of their other duties as a faculty member. Faculty members of Gordon State College are also citizens of the community, and they are free to speak or write on issues which concern them as citizens. By virtue of their special positions as men or women of learning and teachers, however, they should be fully aware that the public may judge their profession and their institution by what they say or write. Hence, they must at all times be accurate, exercise appropriate restraint, show respect for the opinions of others, and make every effort to indicate that they are not an institutional spokesman.

A part-time faculty member should not engage in any other occupations, pursuit, or endeavor which will interfere with regular and punctual discharge of the faculty member's official duties. Any question in this regard will be adjudicated by the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President. A faculty member may not manage or take an active part in a political campaign which interferes with the faculty member's duties.