

- 1 3) Instruction
2 Subject to the legal obligations of the University and to the approval of the Board, and except as otherwise
3 provided, actual instruction shall be discharged by the faculty of the University under the direction of the
4 President.
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6 4) Academic Credit
7 The University shall operate on the semester credit unit system.
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9 5) Academic Freedom
10 The Board recognizes “academic freedom” as:
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12 a) the right to full freedom in the classroom in presenting and discussing subjects within one’s own
13 recognized area of academic expertise germane to the course. The Board does not construe
14 academic freedom in the classroom as constituting license on the part of the teacher to deviate
15 from legitimately established definitions of course content or conduct;
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17 b) the right to full freedom in scholarly research and publication within the time and resource limits
18 imposed by teaching as a faculty member’s primary obligation to the University;
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20 c) the right of a teacher, when speaking or writing as a private citizen, to be free from institutional
21 censorship or discipline; provided, the teacher, consistent with one’s obligation as a member of
22 a learned profession and employee of the University, should endeavor to be accurate, to exercise
23 appropriate restraint, to show respect for the opinions of others, and to make every reasonable
24 effort to indicate that the teacher is not an institutional spokesperson.
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26 6) Degrees
27 Degrees authorized by the Board will be conferred upon students who have completed satisfactorily
28 the prescribed courses of study for such degrees as approved by the President.
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30 7) Graduation
31 The University shall conduct at least one formal graduation exercise in each calendar year.
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33 8) Awards
34 The Board of Visitors may confer the following:
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36 a) Honorary Degrees
37 (1) Doctor of Science, for scholarship in science
38 (2) Doctor of Letters, for scholarship other than in science or the humanities
39 (3) Doctor of Humane Letters, for scholarship in the humanities
40 (4) Doctor of Laws, (generally) for distinguished service to the Commonwealth and to learning
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42 b) Other Awards
43 (1) Distinguished Service Award
44 (2) Mace Award
45 (3) Plaque of Recognition
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47 9) Accreditation
48 The University shall maintain its accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
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