



San Francisco
Theological Seminary

ACADEMIC COURSE AND CLASSROOM POLICIES

Academic Freedom Statement

San Francisco Theological Seminary is committed to the free pursuit of learning and to the preservation of academic freedom essential to such a pursuit. As a theological school associated with Christianity's Reformed Tradition, the seminary is informed by the traditions and values of that heritage, including the highest respect for and valuing of the right to intellectual differences and conscience. This commitment to valuing differences and dialogue commits us to the protection of intellectual freedoms: the right to teach and to engage in the advancement of knowledge free from external pressure or interference.

SFTS fully subscribes to the understanding of [academic freedom published by the AAUP](#) and to its related policies.

Approved by the Faculty
September 14, 2016

Credit Hour Policy

Academic credit for each course is determined by the Carnegie formula which anticipates one hour of classroom attendance and two hours of preparation for every hour of academic credit awarded. Academic credit hour assignments for each course are made in the first instance by the course instructor in consultation with the Dean. Courses and their respective credit hour assignments are reviewed as a part of program review.

Classroom Attendance & Tardiness Policy

Regular attendance and participation are expected for every course as an essential part of the academic experience of all participants in the course. The specific attendance and tardiness policy (including limitations on excused and unexcused absences) for each course is determined by the instructor and set forth in the course syllabus. Failure to meet the attendance and tardiness standards can result in a failing grade.