

Conflict of Interest Policy for Faculty of Instruction

To maintain academic integrity at Drake University and minimize actual and perceived conflicts of interest, faculty of instruction are expected to avoid admitting to their classes any student whose enrollment would lead an independent observer to reasonably question whether the student would be subjected to instructor bias by virtue of the instructor's personal relationship with that student. Students covered by this policy include, but are not limited to, immediate family members of the instructor.

It is recognized there may be occasions when such enrollment is impossible to avoid because, for example, a particular course is required for a program of study (and no alternative course or instructor is available). Under these circumstances, the instructor is expected to openly acknowledge the potential conflict of interest prior to the commencement of the course by reporting the circumstances to her or his dean. The dean, and with concurrence from the Provost, will determine whether or not the circumstances warrant an exception to this policy.

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