

Intellectual Freedom and Viewpoint Diversity Act (House Bill 233)

Preliminary Guidance

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This document represents the most current guidance available and is subject to change.

Anticipating additional guidance from the legislature and Board of Governors, the following general guidelines are offered to assist in the implementation and compliance with HB 233 (<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/233>)

CORE SYLLABUS STATEMENT

Students may, without prior notice, record video or audio of a class lecture for a class in which the student is enrolled for their own personal, educational use. A class lecture is defined as a formal or methodical oral presentation as part of a university course intended to present information or teach enrolled students about a particular subject. Recording class activities other than class lectures, including but not limited to lab sessions, student presentations (whether individually or part of a group), class discussion, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving student participation, test or examination administrations, field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty member is prohibited. Recordings may not be used as a substitute for class participation and class attendance and may not be published or shared without the written consent of the faculty member. **Failure to adhere to these requirements may constitute a violation of the USF Student Conduct Code (<https://usf.app.box.com/v/usfregulation60021>).**

General Guidance for Faculty:

A USF student may, without prior notice, audio or video record a class lecture in which the student is enrolled for the following purposes:

- (a) personal, educational use of the student;
- (b) in connection with a complaint to the university where the recording is made; or
- (c) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding.

A class lecture recording may not be published without the written consent of the faculty member except

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