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## Purdue University's commitment to protecting free speech and expression

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### **Purdue University has been ranked as the No. 3 college for free speech in the U.S.**

- This ranking comes from FIRE (Foundation for Individual Rights in Education) in 2022.
- Purdue has consistently ranked high on this list.
- The ranking compares the student experiences of over 44,000 students across 208 colleges and universities.
- The ranking is based on 10 components: openness, tolerance for liberal speakers on campus, tolerance for conservative speakers on campus, disruptive conduct, administrative support for free speech, comfort expressing ideas, scholars supported during a free-speech controversy (2019-22), scholars sanctioned over a free-speech controversy (2019-22), successful controversial speaker disinvitations (2019-22) and FIRE Speech Code Rating, which evaluates universities' written policies governing student speech.

### **Facts about this ranking and the methodologies used can be found at [rankings.thefire.org](https://rankings.thefire.org).**

- For more information on Purdue's ranking, visit [bit.ly/FIREPurdueData](https://bit.ly/FIREPurdueData).
- To see how Purdue compares with other universities on this ranking, visit [rankings.thefire.org/rank](https://rankings.thefire.org/rank).

### **Purdue was the 21st institution in FIRE's spotlight database of universities to reach "green light" status.**

- "Green" ratings indicate more open environments for free speech.
- Purdue has maintained a green light status for seven years running.

### **In 2015, Purdue was the first public university in the U.S. to adopt the Chicago Principles, a landmark declaration of the importance of free speech in any university community.**

- The Chicago Principles are a set of guiding principles intended to demonstrate a commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of expression on college campuses in the United States.
- To learn more about Purdue's commitment to freedom of expression, visit [purdue.university/FreeExpression](https://purdue.university/FreeExpression).

### **In 2014, Purdue worked with FIRE to eliminate its speech codes to more fully support Boilermakers' First Amendment rights to free expression.**

- To learn more about these efforts, visit [bit.ly/FIREPurdueGreenLight](https://bit.ly/FIREPurdueGreenLight).

### **In 2016, Purdue began including a dedicated module on freedom of expression in Boiler Gold Rush, Purdue's welcome week orientation program for new undergraduate students.**

### **In 2019, a panel of experts on campus speech named Purdue as a positive role model in the areas of free speech, viewpoint diversity and open inquiry (RealClearEducation, 2019).**

**Purdue is committed** to ensuring that all members of the University community have the opportunity to speak, write, listen, challenge and learn.

**Purdue upholds** that it is not the university's proper role to attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable or even deeply offensive.

**Purdue considers the ability of members of the University community to responsibly engage in debate and deliberation an essential part of the University's educational mission.**