



#**3** College for Free Speech in the U.S.  
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“Freedom of inquiry is at the core of the academic enterprise; knowledge advances only when ideas are free to collide and compete. Free speech and tolerance are equally central to responsible citizenship and self-governance. That’s why we insist on these principles as fundamental in the Purdue experience.”

– President Mitch Daniels

### A commitment to free speech

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.

### A culture of free speech

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 — an innovation that has garnered national attention.

### A positive role model for free speech

In 2019, a panel of experts on campus speech named Purdue 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 broadest possible latitude to speak, write, listen, challenge and learn.**

**The ability of members of the University community to responsibly engage in debate and deliberation is an essential part of the University’s educational mission.**

