

# ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY

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## POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy states the nature of academic freedom at Briercrest College and Seminary.

## PRINCIPLES

This policy is guided by the principles of integrity and transparency.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and institutional leaders of Briercrest College and Seminary.

## POLICY STATEMENT

Briercrest College and Seminary believes that academic freedom is an essential tenet of a university community and vital to a democratic society. Students, faculty and institutional leaders enjoy the privileges and responsibilities afforded by academic freedom, including the freedom to engage in research and creative work, to examine and to question, to publish and to lecture, and to offer critique of the academy and society, all free from external interference. Briercrest College and Seminary fosters a culture of rigorous debate and analysis of complex issues within an intellectual climate of mutual respect and trust. Community members must be guided by the highest ethical standards, by a commitment to integrity in scholarship and teaching, and by a responsibility to the professional standards of their academic discipline.

Academic freedom is not absolute and always exists in a historical and cultural context. As a confessional institution rooted within an evangelical Protestant tradition, Briercrest College and Seminary fosters open and critical inquiry within the context of a distinctly Christian community of scholars.

## APPENDIX A

<p>Related Forms/Policies</p>	<p>Intellectual Property Policy                  Professional Development Fund Policy                  Rank and Promotion Policy                  Sabbatical Policy                  Educational Leaves Policy</p>
<p>Where is this policy published</p>	<p>Faculty Handbook  <a href="#">College Academic Calendar</a>  <a href="#">Seminary Academic Calendar</a></p>
<p>Contact Information</p>	<p>Academic Planning Committee</p>

