

**L A I N E**  
THEATRE ARTS

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM  
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Laine Theatre Arts is committed to protecting and promoting academic freedom. Academic staff at Laine Theatre Arts have freedom within the law to carry out teaching, practice and research, including the publication of the outcomes of research and practice, in a way which questions and tests established ideas and received wisdom, presents controversial or unpopular points of view and puts forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges.

A commitment to academic freedom does not entail that every claim or viewpoint is equally worthwhile; some views will not stand up to intellectual scrutiny. Whenever possible, controversial ideas should be subject to questioning and challenged by rational argument supported by relevant evidence. Similarly, views expressed by staff and students that are contrary to the values of the Laine Theatre Arts must never be presented as if they were endorsed by the College.

Policy reviewed by Board of Directors. Date for review: September 2027