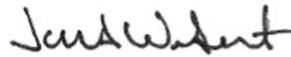


## Revised Required Syllabus Statement on Free Expression

**Date:** March 25, 2024

**To:** Iowa State University Faculty

**From:** Jonathan Wickert



Senior Vice President and Provost

**Subject:** Revisions to Required Free Expression Syllabus Statement

Iowa State University has amended its required Free Expression Syllabus Statement to comply with the Iowa Board of Regents' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Directive #4b. The revised text, as approved last week by the Faculty Senate, President Wintersteen, and me is:

### **Free Expression**

Iowa State University supports and upholds the First Amendment protection of [freedom of speech](#) and the principle of [academic freedom](#) in order to foster a learning environment where open inquiry and the vigorous debate of a diversity of ideas are encouraged. Students will not be penalized for the content or viewpoints of their speech, as long as student expression in a class context is germane to the subject matter of the class and conveyed in an appropriate manner.

No employee, student, applicant, or campus visitor is compelled to disclose their pronouns. Anyone may voluntarily disclose their own pronouns.

This revised version of the syllabus statement is to appear in all course syllabi beginning with the Summer 2024 term. The text is also available on the [website](#) of our Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.

I ask that department chairs share this memo with all instructors, including graduate student instructors, teaching assistants, academic advisors, and staff engaged in instruction.