

Is purdue.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 95/100

purdue.edu

Verdict

95

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

purdue.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 70%.

What this site appears to be

Official university homepage for Purdue University. Provides navigation to academic programs, admissions, campus resources, news, events, and contact information. Contains cookie consent controls and social links.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2005 2 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by InCommon RSA OV SSL CA 3	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2005.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

This website is the official Purdue University homepage, presenting academic programs, admissions, tuition information, campus life, research, news, events, alumni services, athletics, and giving options for prospective students, current members of the university community, and visitors.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No phishing, impersonation, malicious-reputation, or conflicting-identity indicators were observed. The homepage's institutional content, navigation, contact and directory pathways, and links to major social platforms are consistent with a mature university information service rather than a deceptive transaction site. Behavioral testing did observe hidden forms, but the page analysis identified only cookie-consent and search forms, with no login form, password collection, wallet connection, or other sensitive submission mechanism; this does not establish an impersonation risk. The available evidence therefore supports an apparently legitimate site, while the real-world operator identity remains not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Purdue University and provides "About," "Become a Student," "Academics," "Research," "Alumni," "Athletics," "Contact / Directory," and "Give" pathways.
- The domain was registered in 1985 and is approximately 41.33 years old.
- Archive telemetry records 2 snapshots spanning 2005–2005, with 1 year tracked; this limited capture does not indicate a recent domain or a suspicious repurposing.
- External reputation telemetry recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no phishing or blacklist hit.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an educational and institutional business model involving admissions, tuition, donations, and related university services, not a financial brokerage or investment offering. No financial licence or registration number is claimed on the supplied homepage content; this is a limited disclosure point for any transaction-specific review, not evidence of deception. The About and Contact / Directory pathways provide an on-site basis for institutional identification, but the operator's real-world identity should still be treated as apparent rather than independently proven. The site also has a strong global traffic footprint and established page authority, which support the conclusion that it is an established website.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes academic programs, admissions, campus resources, research, news, events, tuition and costs, and donor/giving services.
- The domain resolves through AS17, identified as PURDUE - Purdue University, US.
- The TLS certificate is an OV certificate issued by InCommon RSA OV SSL CA 3 for Purdue University, valid to 2027-01-28.
- Traffic telemetry records a global rank of 2239 and inclusion in the top 1 million websites.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an enterprise or prospective student should independently confirm that the relevant admissions, tuition, donation, or paid-service workflow is reached through an independently sourced Purdue University channel. Payment protection, recipient details, refund or cancellation terms, and the authenticity of any transaction-specific communication should be checked through official institutional contact routes rather than relying solely on a message or embedded link.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage exposes “Apply Now,” “Tuition & Costs,” “Request Information,” “Schedule a Visit,” and “Give” pathways that can be matched against independently sourced institutional information.
- The site provides Contact / Directory navigation and identifies the university’s academic, admissions, research, and campus functions.
- The tested homepage contained 2 forms, classified as cookie consent and search, with no sensitive form identified.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with no observed contradiction indicating scam activity, phishing, or impersonation. Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website, although independent confirmation of the real-world operator remains appropriate before sensitive interactions.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is directly hosted by PURDUE - Purdue University in the United States, with no CDN or WAF detected and one likely origin address. This provides a coherent institutional hosting association; infrastructure alignment is a mitigating signal, not standalone proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the evidence; credentials or payments should follow ordinary independent checks of institutional identity, transaction terms, and payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of purdue.edu.

- The request stayed on purdue.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2005-10-27. CLEAR
- It is hosted on PURDUE, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	PURDUE - Purdue University, US
Country	US
Server IP	128.210.7.200
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	InCommon RSA OV SSL CA 3
SSL expiry	2027-01-28
Domain age	41.33 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	2005-10-27
Archive snapshots	2
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about purdue.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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