

# Florida International University

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*Because a true university education requires freedom of expression.*

The College Free Speech Rankings are based on student surveys, campus policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

## OVERALL RANK

53 ▼  
/257

▼ -18 FROM 2024

## GRADE

D

— D FROM 2024

## SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

Florida International University ranks 53 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings, earning a score of 63 and a D speech climate grade. The State University System of Florida adopted the Chicago Statement, but FIU still earns a “yellow light” Spotlight rating

FIU places in the top 25 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas” and in the top 50 for “Political Tolerance,” suggesting a campus where many feel able to speak openly across ideological lines compared to other schools.

FIU could strengthen its ranking by revising speech policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and by adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

### Spotlight Rating

Yellow

FIRE’s Spotlight database annually rates regulations on student expression based on the extent to which they restrict free speech.

If you are a school administrator and would like to discuss your rating, reach out to [speechcodes@thefire.org](mailto:speechcodes@thefire.org).

Visit our website: <https://rankings.thefire.org/> for more information.

## HIGHLIGHTS



41% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



62% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



32% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.71:1

There are roughly 1.71 liberal students for every one conservative student.

### Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D+

▲ INCREASE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▼ DECREASE

### OPENNESS

C-

▼ DECREASE

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▼ DECREASE

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D-

▲ INCREASE

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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### DEPLATFORMINGS

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