

# Creighton University

Omaha, NE • Private School



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

## OVERALL RANK

234 ▼

/257

▼ -90 FROM 2024

## GRADE

F

— F FROM 2024

## SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

Creighton University ranks 234 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The university earns a score of 51 and an F speech climate grade.

Student perceptions place Creighton in the top 50 for “Disruptive Conduct,” indicating comparatively lower support for shout-downs or blockades. At the same time, the school ranks in the bottom 50 for both “Self-Censorship” and “Political Tolerance,” suggesting many students keep quiet and show limited tolerance for controversial speakers. The university also earns a “red light” Spotlight rating and has yet to adopt the Chicago Statement or an official commitment to institutional neutrality, leaving its policy framework weak.

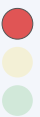
Creighton could improve by revising its written speech policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating, adopting a free speech statement based on the Chicago Statement, and adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

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

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### Spotlight Rating

Red



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

## HIGHLIGHTS



45% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



60% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



33% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

2.48:1

There are roughly 2.48 conservative students for every one liberal student.

### Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▼ DECREASE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B-

▲ INCREASE

### OPENNESS

C-

▲ INCREASE

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASE

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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### DEPLATFORMINGS

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