# Florida International University

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College Free Speech RANKINGS

The most comprehensive guide to free speech on campus — anywhere

*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**

83 /261

▼ -30 FROM 2025

**GRADE**

D

D FROM 2025

**CONTROVERSIES**

2

2 FROM 2026

## Overview

Florida International University ranks 83 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 63 and a D speech climate grade. FIU was penalized for investigating students who peacefully demonstrated against the university's cooperation with ICE and for the arrest of a student over messages in a WhatsApp chat.

FIU ranks in the top 25 on "Self-Censorship" and "Comfort Expressing Ideas," meaning students report less hesitancy to speak and feel comfortable sharing views on controversial topics.

FIU is part of the State University System of Florida, which has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. FIU retains a "yellow light" Spotlight rating. It should revise its student policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating and adopt an official commitment to institutional neutrality. FIU should clearly and forcefully defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

View the Full Spotlight Rating

**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@fire.org.

Visit our website, rankings.fire.org, for more information.

## HIGHLIGHTS




33% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.




58% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.




28% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

2.57 : 1

There are roughly 2.57 liberal students for every one conservative student.

### Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

**COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS**
C–
▲ INCREASE

**DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT**
B
▲ INCREASE

**OPENNESS**
D+
▼ DECREASE

**SELF-CENSORSHIP**
D+
▲ INCREASE

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**
F
▼ DECREASE

**POLITICAL TOLERANCE**
F
▼ DECREASE

**SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE**
0

**STUDENTS UNDER FIRE**
2

**DEPLATFORMINGS**
0