

# Indiana University

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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

256 ▼

/261

▼ -1 FROM 2025

## GRADE

F

F FROM 2025

## CONTROVERSIES

6

0 FROM 2026

## Overview

Indiana University ranks 256 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 51 and an F speech climate grade, rising 6 points from last year.

IU lands in the bottom 25 for “Administrative Support,” showing little student trust in officials to defend speech, and “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” showing discomfort sharing views on controversial topics. It also ranks in the bottom 50 for “Openness,” meaning many contentious topics feel off-limits to students.

IU’s board has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement, but the campus retains a “yellow light” Spotlight rating. IU should revise its student policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and adopt an official commitment to institutional neutrality. Given its weak showing on “Administrative Support,” administrators should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

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## Spotlight Rating

Yellow



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

## HIGHLIGHTS



54% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



68% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



31% 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 liberal students for every one conservative student.

### Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D-

▼ DECREASE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▲ INCREASE

### OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASE

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▲ INCREASE

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

— NO CHANGE

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

1

### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

2

### DEPLATFORMINGS

3