Creighton University

Omaha, NE • Private School

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

236 /261

▼ -2 FROM 2025

GRADE

F

F FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

0

0 FROM 2026

Overview

Creighton University ranks 236 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 54. This marks its fourth straight year with an F speech climate grade.

The campus ranks in the top 25 for "Disruptive Conduct," showing lower student acceptance of protest tactics that silence speakers. However, Creighton lands in the bottom 25 for "Self-Censorship," indicating students frequently stay silent, and the bottom 50 for "Political Tolerance," showing reduced student willingness to host controversial speakers.

The university retains a "red light" Spotlight rating. Creighton should revise its student policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating and adopt the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. It should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

View the Full Spotlight Rating

Spotlight Rating

Red



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



52% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



54% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



25% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.09 : 1

There are roughly 1.09 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

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D–

— NO CHANGE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0