



Indiana

4 schools ranked



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.

AVERAGE RANK

130 ▼

/261

▼ -2 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE

D

▲ INCREASED

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

7

— 0 IN 2026

Overview

Four Indiana schools are ranked in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech climate grade is D, compared to the national average of D-.

Purdue University ranks 7 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. It holds a “green light” rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database. Purdue has adopted both the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and a statement on institutional neutrality.

DePauw University follows at 25. It holds a green light rating and has adopted the Chicago Statement. The University of Notre Dame (232) and Indiana University (256) rank near the bottom. Notre Dame holds a “red light” rating, while IU holds a “yellow light” rating. IU has affirmed the Chicago Statement, but Notre Dame has adopted neither major free-speech statement. Reforming restrictive written student policies would help improve the speech climates at Notre Dame and IU.

If you have questions, reach out to fire@fire.org or visit us at rankings.fire.org/.



HIGHLIGHTS



50% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



65% 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.

2.31:1

Across Indiana, there are roughly 2.31 liberal students for every one conservative student.

SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

— NO CHANGE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B-

▲ INCREASED

OPENNESS

C-

▲ INCREASED

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

1

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

2

DEPLATFORMINGS

4

HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

0

ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

NEW IN 2026

0