Duquesne University

Pittsburgh, PA • *Private School*

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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

174 ▲

/257

▲ 48 **FROM 2024**

GRADE

F

— F **FROM 2024**

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 **FROM 2025**

Overview

Duquesne University ranks 174 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 56. The school earns a "yellow light" Spotlight rating, signaling lingering policy concerns.

Student perceptions place Duquesne in the bottom 10 for "Self-Censorship" and the bottom 25 for "Openness," indicating many hesitate to voice views and find certain topics hard to discuss. No survey area ranks in the top 50, underscoring a generally weak speech culture.

Duquesne could make quick progress by revising restrictive policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating, as well as adopting the Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

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@thefire.org.

Visit our website: https://rankings.thefire.org/ for more information.

50

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

63

63% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

29

29% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

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There are roughly 1.01 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

C+

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

D

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0