

DePaul University

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2025 Report Card

DePaul University has a Hillel, Chabad, the Jewish Life Center and Jewish Greek life on campus.

What's Happening on Campus?

In October 2023, at an anti-Israel rally at DePaul University, protesters held signs with messages that included: "Death to Zionism." A protester also held a flag for the U.S.-designated terror group Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

In May 2024, the student government passed a referendum advocating for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel during its Student Government Association elections. That same month, the administration was forced to dismantle an anti-Israel encampment on campus following numerous incidents of antisemitism and conduct violations at the encampment.

In October 2024, at an anti-Israel rally organized by Students for Justice in Palestine and DePaul Divest Coalition at DePaul University, protesters displayed signs with messages that included: "By Any Means Necessary" with an image of Leila Khaled, a leader of the antisemitic U.S.-designated terrorist group Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP). Protesters also chanted, "There is only one solution; Intifada, revolution" and "All these racist ass Zios [Zionists] we don't need 'em."

In November 2024, two Jewish students displaying support for Israel were physically attacked outside the Student Center, with both students having to go to hospital as a result of the incident. The incident is being investigated by law enforcement as a hate crime. An off-campus group, Behind Enemy Lines, referred to the hate crime as a "small taste of justice."

University Policies and Responsive Action

In 2024, DePaul's Office of Institutional Diversity and Equity (OIDE) administered an antisemitism training program for faculty and staff, with assistance from the university's Jewish Faculty and Staff ERG. In addition, DePaul's annual, mandatory compliance training for all employees, including staff, faculty and student employees, includes anti-discrimination and anti-harassment (ADAH) modules.

In response to the BDS referendum in May 2024, DePaul University administration issued a strong statement rejecting the divestment calls and academic boycotts, emphasizing the importance of upholding academic freedom and dialogue.

Following the Spring 2024 encampment, the University also launched a comprehensive website documenting these incidents, fostering transparency and accountability. The website contained examples of discrimination, harassment, and violence and images of items that were found in the encampment while dismantling it, including knives, a pellet gun and other improvised weapons.

Criteria

Publicly Disclosed Administrative Actions

Meeting Expectations

- ⚡ Antisemitism included in Code of Conduct and Policies
- ✅ Clear process for reporting antisemitic incidents
- ⚠️ Advisory council to address antisemitism
- ✅ Clear religious accommodations policy
- ⚡ Mandatory antisemitism education for students and staff
- ✅ Has an official position against **BDS**
- ✅ Publicly condemns antisemitic incidents
- ⚡ Partnerships with Israeli institutions
- ⚠️ Conducts surveys to assess Jewish student experiences
- ✅ Civil discourse initiatives on campus
- ⚡ Clear time, place and manner policies
- ✅ Participated in program to address antisemitism

Jewish Life on Campus

Excellent

- ✅ Active Hillel, Chabad, or other Jewish student organization
- ✅ Jewish Greek life
- ⚡ Jewish studies program or class
- ✅ Kosher dining
- ✅ Interfaith initiatives on campus
- ✅ School promotes awareness of Jewish holidays
- ✅ Israel studies or study abroad programs
- ✅ Rabbi/Jewish educator
- ✅ Jewish religious services
- ⚠️ Jewish alumni group
- ✅ Jewish staff and faculty group
- ✅ Partnerships with Jewish organizations
- ✅ Active pro-Israel group

Campus Conduct and Climate Concerns

High

- ⚠️ Level of severe antisemitic and anti-Zionist incidents
- ⚠️ Level of other antisemitic and anti-Zionist incidents
- ⚠️ Level of hostile anti-Zionist student government activity
- ⚠️ Level of hostile anti-Zionist student groups
- ⚠️ Level of hostile anti-Zionist staff and faculty activity

Following the November 2024 attacks on Jewish students, President Manuel condemned the violence, pledged a thorough investigation and committed to ensuring campus safety. In November, after Behind Enemy Lines targeted a Jewish student, the group was banned from campus.

The University has committed to establishing a bias education and response team. The administration also meets regularly with representatives of internal and external Jewish groups.

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