

Scripps College

Claremont, CA • Private School



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The College Free Speech Rankings are based on student surveys, campus policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

OVERALL RANK

209 ▼

/257

▼ -86 FROM 2024

GRADE

F

— F FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

Scripps College ranks 209 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The college earned a score of 53, identical to last year, and an F speech climate grade. Its policies still earn a “yellow light” Spotlight rating, and the school has not adopted the Chicago Statement or an official statement on institutional neutrality.

Scripps places in the top 25 for both “Openness” and “Self-Censorship,” indicating that comparatively fewer students feel pressured to silence themselves. Those bright spots are offset by serious weaknesses: the college places in the bottom 25 for “Political Tolerance” and “Administrative Support,” and in the bottom 50 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas.”

Scripps could improve by revising its written speech policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating, adopting a free speech statement based on the Chicago Statement, officially committing to institutional neutrality, and clearly signaling administrative support for a broader range of speakers on campus.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS



38% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



82% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



22% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

33.98:1

There are roughly 33.98 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D-

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

B-

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0