

Michigan Technological University

Houghton, MI • Public School



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

4 ▲

/257

▲ -2 FROM 2024

GRADE

C

— C FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

“Michigan Technological University ranks an impressive 4 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. It posts a score of 76 and a C speech climate grade, supported by a “green light” Spotlight rating and the Chicago Statement endorsement.

Michigan Tech ranks in the top 10 on “Disruptive Conduct,” “Political Tolerance,” and “Administrative Support.”

Michigan Tech could cement its strong position by adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

Spotlight Rating

Green



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



35% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



61% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



17% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.22:1

There are roughly 1.22 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

C-

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▲ INCREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0