

# University of Toledo

Toledo, OH • 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

96 ▼

/257

▼ -30 FROM 2024

## GRADE

F

▼ D- FROM 2024

## SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

University of Toledo ranks 96 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 59, sliding 30 places down from last year to an F speech climate grade.

Student perceptions place Toledo in the top 25 for “Disruptive Conduct,” a sharp improvement after ranking outside the top 50 last year, suggesting comparatively less support for shutting down speakers. The picture is darker elsewhere: the university falls into the bottom 25 for both “Self-Censorship” and “Openness,” and lands in the bottom 50 for “Administrative Support” after a drop of 120 places, indicating students often stay silent and doubt the administration’s commitment to free expression.

Toledo could reverse its overall decline by revising its speech policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and by adopting 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](mailto:speechcodes@thefire.org).

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

## HIGHLIGHTS



43% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



60% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



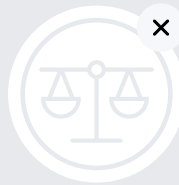
29% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

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There are roughly 1.17 liberal students for every one conservative student.

### Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D-

▼ DECREASE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▲ INCREASE

### OPENNESS

D

▼ DECREASE

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASE

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASE

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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### DEPLATFORMINGS

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