

The University of Tulsa

Tulsa, OK • Private 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

12 ▲
/257

▲ 11 FROM 2024

GRADE

C—

— C- FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

The University of Tulsa ranks 12 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 72, earning a C- speech climate grade. Policy wise, the school enjoys a “green light” Spotlight rating and a 3-point boost for adopting the Chicago Statement, both of which help keep it near the top of the national list.

Student perceptions place Tulsa in the top 25 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas” and an impressive third place on “Disruptive Conduct,” suggesting a campus that welcomes discussion at a greater rate than other campuses, and largely rejects shout-downs.

Tulsa could further strengthen its speech climate 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



47% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



56% 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.

1.68:1

There are roughly 1.68 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

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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DEPLATFORMINGS

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