

# University of Oregon

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

## OVERALL RANK

201 ▲

/257

▲ -1 FROM 2024

## GRADE

F

— F FROM 2024

## SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

1

0 FROM 2025

## Overview

University of Oregon ranks 201 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings, earning a score of 54 and an F speech climate grade. The university continues to earn a “yellow light” Spotlight rating.

Student perceptions place Oregon in the top 25 on “Self-Censorship,” indicating comparatively fewer feel compelled to hide their views. That bright spot is overshadowed by serious concerns: the school lands in the bottom 25 for “Disruptive Conduct,” signaling broad student support for shout-downs and other obstructive tactics, and in the bottom 50 for “Political Tolerance,” suggesting many students are unwilling to welcome controversial speakers from across the political spectrum.

Oregon could make quick gains by revising restrictive speech codes to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating, as well as formally adopting the Chicago Statement and 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



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



80% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



39% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

4.63:1

There are roughly 4.63 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-

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASE

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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