

Texas A&M University

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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

47 ▼

/257

▼ 83 FROM 2024

GRADE

D

▼ D+ FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

4

— 4 FROM 2025

Overview

Texas A&M University ranks 47 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings, earning a score of 64 and a D speech climate grade. The school absorbed penalties for canceling an annual drag show and an Israeli-Palestinian documentary.

Student perceptions place the campus in the top 25 for “Political Tolerance,” “Disruptive Conduct,” and “Administrative Support.” Those strengths contrast sharply with the administration’s repeated interventions, which drag down the overall score.

To consolidate its gains, Texas A&M should adopt the Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality while committing to refrain from future event cancellations that invite additional penalties.

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



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



64% 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.

1.45:1

There are roughly 1.45 conservative students for every one liberal student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▲ INCREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

2

DEPLATFORMINGS

2