

Emory University

Atlanta, GA • Private School



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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

68 ▼

/261

▼ -1 FROM 2025

GRADE

D

D FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

3

1 FROM 2026

Overview

Emory University ranks 68 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65 and a D speech climate grade. Emory was penalized after administrators removed a professor this year following public pressure over her familial ties.

Emory's Faculty Senate has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement, and the university earns a "green light" Spotlight rating. However, the campus ranks in the bottom 50 for "Administrative Support," indicating little student trust that officials will defend speech. The data shows no top 50 strengths.

Emory should adopt an official commitment to institutional neutrality. Given its weak showing on "Administrative Support," administrators should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

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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@fire.org.

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HIGHLIGHTS



45% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



73% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



31% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

4.78 : 1

There are roughly 4.78 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

C+

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

2

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

DEPLATFORMINGS

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