

The Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA • 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

3
/261

▲ 26 FROM 2025

GRADE

C+

▲ C- FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

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0 FROM 2026

Overview

Georgia Institute of Technology ranks 3 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 79 and a C+ speech climate grade, rising 26 places and gaining 9 points from last year.

Georgia Tech ranks in the top 25 for “Administrative Support” and “Political Tolerance,” showing student trust in officials to defend speech and comparatively greater student willingness to host speakers across the ideological spectrum. Its rank for “Disruptive Conduct” jumped 198 places from the bottom 25 last year to the top 50 this year, showing lower student acceptance of non-peaceful forms of protest.

Georgia Tech earns a “green light” Spotlight rating and has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. The University System of Georgia has affirmed institutional neutrality. Georgia Tech 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.

Visit our website, rankings.fire.org, for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS



37% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



68% 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.

7.83 : 1

There are roughly 7.83 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

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SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B-

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

C

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

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▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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DEPLATFORMINGS

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