Tulane University

College Free Speech RANKINGS

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

OVERALL RANK
213
/261
▼ -6 FROM 2025

GRADE
F
F FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES
0
0 FROM 2026

Overview

Tulane University ranks 213 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 56 and an F speech climate grade.

Tulane ranks in the bottom 25 for "Comfort Expressing Ideas," meaning students feel constrained sharing views on controversial topics. It also lands in the bottom 50 for "Disruptive Conduct," signaling student acceptance of non-peaceful forms of protest. The data shows no top 50 strengths.

While the school has adopted institutional neutrality, it earns a "red light" Spotlight rating. Tulane should revise its student policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating and adopt the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. It should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

Spotlight Rating
Red



FIRE's Spotlight database annually rates regulations on student expression based on the extent to which they restrict free speech.

View the Full Spotlight Rating

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



50% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



83% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



35% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

4.16 : 1

There are roughly 4.16 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D–

— NO CHANGE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

C

— NO CHANGE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0