North Carolina A&T State University

Greensboro, NC • Public School

College Free Speech RANKINGS

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

58 ▼

/261

▼ -7 FROM 2025

GRADE

D

D FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

0

0 FROM 2026

Overview

North Carolina A&T State University ranks 58 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 65 and a D speech climate grade. The campus is part of the University of North Carolina System, which has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and a statement on institutional neutrality.

NC A&T ranks first nationally for "Comfort Expressing Ideas," showing students feel comfortable sharing views on controversial topics. Conversely, it lands in the bottom 25 for "Disruptive Conduct," signaling student acceptance of non-peaceful forms of protest, and "Political Tolerance," showing reduced student willingness to host controversial speakers.

NC A&T retains a "yellow light" Spotlight rating. It should revise its student policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating and respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

Spotlight Rating

Yellow

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



28% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



74% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



43% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

18.44 : 1

There are roughly 18.44 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

C

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C–

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C+

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

— NO CHANGE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0