The University of North Carolina Greensboro

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

11 ▼

/261

▼ -5 FROM 2025

GRADE

C

C FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

0

0 FROM 2026

Overview

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro ranks 11 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 75 and a C speech climate grade. The campus maintains a "green light" Spotlight rating and is part of the University of North Carolina System, which has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and a statement on institutional neutrality.

UNCG ranks in the top 25 for "Administrative Support," meaning students trust the administration to defend speech. It tumbled 111 places from last year into the bottom 50 for "Disruptive Conduct" this year, showing increased student acceptance of non-peaceful forms of protest.

UNCG should respond clearly and forcefully whenever censorship occurs or is demanded. Doing so will demonstrate the university's commitment to free speech and build community trust that the administration will defend expressive rights.

Spotlight Rating

Green



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



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



77% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



36% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

11.21 : 1

There are roughly 11.21 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–
▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT
C
▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS
D+
▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP
D
▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
D
▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE
F
▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE
0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE
0

DEPLATFORMINGS
0