

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX • 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

192 ▼
/261

▼ -145 FROM 2025

GRADE

F

▼ D FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

7

4 FROM 2026

Overview

Texas A&M University ranks 192 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 57 and an F speech climate grade, dropping 145 places from last year. It was penalized for speech controversies involving its application of a policy restricting what faculty can teach.

A&M ranks in the top 25 for “Disruptive Conduct,” showing lower student acceptance of non-peaceful protest. However, it ranks in the bottom 25 for “Administrative Support” and “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” showing little student trust in officials and discomfort with sharing views.

A&M maintains a “green light” Spotlight rating for its policies regulating student expression. It should adopt the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. Given its weak showing on “Administrative Support,” administrators should clearly and forcefully 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



53% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



60% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



20% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.45 : 1

There are roughly 1.45 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D-

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▲ INCREASE

OPENNESS

D-

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

4

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

DEPLATFORMINGS

2