



# Georgia

4 schools ranked



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

#### AVERAGE RANK

93 ▼

/257

▼ 7 FROM 2024

#### AVERAGE GRADE

D-

— NO CHANGE

#### SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

3

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

Four Georgia schools are ranked in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The state’s average speech-climate grade is D-, compared to a national average of F.

Georgia Institute of Technology ranks 29 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. Students at Georgia Tech give relatively high marks for “Self-Censorship” and “Openness,” suggesting they are less likely to hold back their views. The school holds a “green light” rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database, meaning its written policies do not seriously threaten student expression.

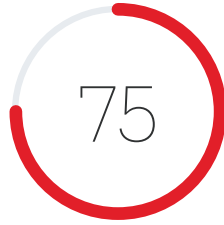
Emory University follows at 67 and also holds a “green light” rating. Georgia State University and the University of Georgia rank 132 and 143, respectively, and both have “yellow light” ratings. None of the four schools in Georgia have adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. Georgia Tech and Emory have set a policy example — expanding that leadership systemwide would help elevate the state’s overall climate for speech.

If you have questions, reach out to [fire@thefire.org](mailto:fire@thefire.org) or visit us at <https://rankings.thefire.org/>.

## HIGHLIGHTS



44% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



75% 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.

2.67:1

Across Georgia, there are roughly 2.67 liberal students for every one conservative student.

## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

— NO CHANGE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

— NO CHANGE

### OPENNESS

C-

▲ INCREASED

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASED

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

1

### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

### DEPLATFORMINGS

1

### HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

0

### ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

### NEW IN 2025

1