



# Louisiana

2 schools ranked



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.

### AVERAGE RANK

129 ▲

/257

▲ 79 FROM 2024

### AVERAGE GRADE

F

— NO CHANGE

### SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

2

— 2 FROM 2025

## Overview

Two Louisiana schools are ranked in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The state’s average speech-climate grade is F, matching the national average.

Louisiana State University ranks 50 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. LSU has adopted a statement on institutional neutrality, and the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. Students at LSU give relatively strong marks for “Disruptive Conduct,” suggesting they are less likely to approve of shouting down or blocking a speaker. However, it holds a “yellow light” rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database, meaning its written policies contain at least one provision that threatens student expression.

Tulane University ranks 207 and also holds a “yellow light” rating. Louisiana’s top public university has laid important policy groundwork. Turning those commitments into action and revising the schools’ “yellow light” policies could help Louisiana’s campuses rise in future rankings.

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

## HIGHLIGHTS



49% 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.



33% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

2.45:1

Across Louisiana, there are roughly 2.45 liberal students for every one conservative student.

## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D-

▲ INCREASED

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

▲ INCREASED

### OPENNESS

D+

▼ DECREASED

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASED

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASED

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASED

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

1

### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

### DEPLATFORMINGS

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### HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

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### ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

### NEW IN 2025

2