



Georgia

4 schools ranked



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.

AVERAGE RANK

65 ▲
/261

▲ 28 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE

D+

▲ INCREASED

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

4

— 1 IN 2026

Overview

Four Georgia schools are ranked in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech climate grade is D+, compared to the national average of D-.

The Georgia Institute of Technology ranks 3 overall and is one of the top-ranked schools nationally. It holds a “green light” rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database and ranks in the top 25 for “Political Tolerance,” suggesting openness to controversial speakers. Georgia Tech has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement.

Emory University, Georgia State University, and the University of Georgia follow between ranks 68 and 97. Emory holds a green light rating, while GSU and UGA hold “yellow light” ratings. The University System of Georgia has affirmed a statement on institutional neutrality for its public campuses. Emory’s faculty senate has affirmed the Chicago Statement. Revising restrictive written student policies would help improve these schools’ speech climates.

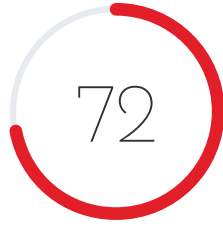
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HIGHLIGHTS



42% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



72% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



30% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

4.05:1

Across Georgia, there are roughly 4.05 liberal students for every one conservative student.

SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D+

▲ INCREASED

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▲ INCREASED

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASED

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D-

▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

— NO CHANGE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

2

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

DEPLATFORMINGS

1

HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

0

ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

NEW IN 2026

1