



Oklahoma

3 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

0 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE

D

— NO CHANGE

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

1

— 0 IN 2026

Overview

Three Oklahoma 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 University of Tulsa ranks 20 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. It holds a "green light" Spotlight rating and has officially adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement.

Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma rank 75 and 99, respectively. Both hold "yellow light" ratings. OSU ranks in the top 25 for "Administrative Support," suggesting students trust administrators to defend speech. OU ranks in the bottom 50 for "Self-Censorship," suggesting students struggle to speak openly. OU's board and the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education have also affirmed the Chicago Statement. Revising restrictive student policies at OU and OSU, and adopting institutional neutrality, would help improve these schools' speech climates.

If you have questions, reach out to fire@fire.org or visit us at rankings.fire.org/.



HIGHLIGHTS



45% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



65% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



24% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.17:1

Across Oklahoma, there are roughly 1.17 liberal students for every one conservative student.

SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

— NO CHANGE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B-

▲ INCREASED

OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASED

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▲ INCREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D-

▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASED

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

1

HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

1

ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

1

NEW IN 2026

0