

Oregon

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
148 ▼
/261
▼ -2 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE
D-
— NO CHANGE

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES
3
— 1 IN 2026

Overview

Three Oregon schools are ranked in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech climate grade is D-, matching the national average.

Oregon State University ranks 26 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. It holds a "green light" rating in FIRE's Spotlight database. OSU ranks in the top 25 for "Self-Censorship" and "Disruptive Conduct," suggesting students speak openly and oppose protests that silence speakers.

The University of Oregon and Portland State University follow at ranks 179 and 238, respectively. UO holds a "yellow light" rating, while PSU holds a "red light" rating. None of the three schools has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement or a statement on institutional neutrality. Adopting these public commitments and revising restrictive written student policies 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



32% 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.



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

6.73:1

Across Oregon, there are roughly 6.73 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
▼ DECREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
D-
▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE
F
— NO CHANGE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE
0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE
0

DEPLATFORMINGS
3

HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS
2

ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS
1

NEW IN 2026
1