

Miami University

Oxford, OH • Public School



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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.

OVERALL RANK

69 ▼
/257

▼ -12 FROM 2024

GRADE

D -

▼ D FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

Miami University–Oxford ranks 69 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings, earning a score of 61 and a D- speech climate grade. Miami has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. However, policy factors continue to hold the school back. Miami retains a “yellow light” Spotlight rating and has not adopted the Kalven Report.

While the university does not place in either the top or bottom 50 for any survey metric, middling perceptions combined with restrictive written policies keep its overall climate below average.

The university could make immediate progress by revising its speech codes to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and formally adopting an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

Spotlight Rating

Yellow



FIRE’s Spotlight database annually rates regulations on student expression based on the extent to which they restrict free speech.

If you are a school administrator and would like to discuss your rating, reach out to speechcodes@thefire.org.

Visit our website: <https://rankings.thefire.org/> for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS



47% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



77% 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.

1.04:1

There are roughly 1.04 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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DEPLATFORMINGS

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