



# 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

146 ▼

/257

▼ 12 FROM 2024

#### AVERAGE GRADE

F

▼ DECREASED

#### SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

2

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

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

Oregon State University ranks 30 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state.  
It holds a “green light” rating in FIRE’s Spotlight database, meaning its written  
policies do not seriously threaten student expression.

The University of Oregon ranks 201 and holds a “yellow light” rating. Portland  
State University ranks 208 and holds a “red light” rating, meaning its written  
policies clearly and substantially restrict protected expression. None of the three  
schools have adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement or a statement on  
institutional neutrality. Clarifying campus policies and committing more publicly  
to expressive rights could help Oregon’s schools build stronger speech climates.

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



## HIGHLIGHTS



34% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



78% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



35% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

4.66 : 1

Across Oregon, there are roughly 4.66 liberal students for every one conservative student.

## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

— NO CHANGE

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

▼ DECREASED

### OPENNESS

C-

▲ INCREASED

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASED

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

### DEPLATFORMINGS

1

### HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

1

### ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

### NEW IN 2025

1