

Statewide Threats to Diversity and Academic Freedom in Higher Education
Latino Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education

2023

- Senate Bill 17 eliminated DEI offices, programs, and staff at Texas public universities
- Senate Bill 18 weakened tenure protections for university professors.

2025

- Senate Bill 37 expanded the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board over curriculum, hiring, and academic programs

2026

- On February 12, the University of Texas at Austin eliminated four long-standing, nationally renowned academic departments: Department of African and African Diaspora Studies; Department of American Studies; Department of Mexican American and Latina/Latino Studies; and Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
- The University of Texas at Austin established the neoconservative [School of Civic Leadership](#), together with the Civitas Institute, and a new humanities program.
- The University of Texas at San Antonio eliminated its Race, Ethnicity and Gender Studies program, requiring faculty to adjust course content involving race, gender, and sexuality.
- Texas A&M College Station eliminated its Women's and Gender Studies program and curtailed Ethnic Studies by censoring content in women and gender studies.
- Texas Tech University eliminated LGBTQ-focused academic programs, diminishing Ethnic, Women's and Gender studies programs and related content.
- Our Lady of the Lake University eliminated its Mexican American Studies Center.
- The University of North Texas Denton cut its Latin American, Ethnic and Women's and Gender Studies programs.
- The University of Houston cut ethnic and women's studies from the core curriculum by removing nearly 100 courses from the core curriculum.