

University of Alaska

Anchorage, AK • Public School



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.

OVERALL RANK

197 ▲

/257

▲ -66 FROM 2024

GRADE

F

— F FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

University of Alaska Anchorage ranks 197 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. With a score of 54, the school earns an F speech climate grade. The campus still earns a “red light” Spotlight rating and has not adopted the Chicago Statement or a statement on institutional neutrality.

Despite the low overall standing, UAA places among the top 25 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” “Disruptive Conduct,” and — after a dramatic jump from outside the top 150 last year — “Administrative Support.” At the same time, it ranks in the bottom 50 for “Political Tolerance,” signaling reluctance to welcome controversial speakers from across the political spectrum.

UAA could make rapid gains by revising its speech codes to earn at least a “yellow light” Spotlight rating and formally endorsing the Chicago Statement to clarify institutional support for robust debate.

Spotlight Rating

Red



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



43% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



61% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



23% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

3.46:1

There are roughly 3.46 liberal students for every one conservative student.

Institutional Neutrality

NOT ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D+

▲ INCREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C-

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0