

Utah State University

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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.

OVERALL RANK

141 ▼
/257

▼ -66 FROM 2024

GRADE

F

▼ D- FROM 2024

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 FROM 2025

Overview

Utah State University ranks 141 out of 257 schools in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The university earned a score of 57, an F speech climate grade.

Student perceptions place Utah State favorably in some areas: the school ranks in the top 25 for “Political Tolerance” and in the top 50 for rejecting “Disruptive Conduct.” Yet the campus still earns a “red light” Spotlight rating that weighs on its overall score.

Utah State could regain ground by revising restrictive policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and by formally adopting the Chicago Statement to match its existing commitment to institutional neutrality.

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



51% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



60% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



30% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.58:1

There are roughly 1.58 conservative students for every one liberal student.

Institutional Neutrality

ADOPTED



Chicago Statement for Free Speech

NOT ADOPTED



SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B-

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▼ DECREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

0