# The University of Alabama in Huntsville

*Huntsville, AL • Public School*

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**

41 ▲

/261

▲ 5 FROM 2025

**GRADE**

D+

▲ D FROM 2025

**CONTROVERSIES**

0

0 FROM 2026

## Overview

The University of Alabama in Huntsville ranks 41 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 68 and a D+ speech climate grade, retaining a "yellow light" Spotlight rating. UAH is part of the University of Alabama System, which has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality.

UAH is in the top 25 for "Disruptive Conduct" and "Comfort Expressing Ideas," indicating lower student acceptance of protest tactics that silence speakers and greater student comfort sharing views on controversial topics. The data shows no bottom 50 weaknesses.

UAH should revise its student policies to earn a "green light" Spotlight rating. It should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

**Spotlight Rating**

Yellow

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

View the Full Spotlight Rating

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

Visit our website, rankings.fire.org, for more information.

## HIGHLIGHTS




40% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.




59% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.




19% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

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

### Institutional Neutrality

ADOPTED



### Chicago Statement for Free Speech

ADOPTED



## SCORE DEEP DIVE

**COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS**
C–
▲ INCREASE

**DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT**
B
▲ INCREASE

**OPENNESS**
C–
▲ INCREASE

**SELF-CENSORSHIP**
D
▲ INCREASE

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**
F
▲ INCREASE

**POLITICAL TOLERANCE**
F
▼ DECREASE

**SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE**
0

**STUDENTS UNDER FIRE**
0

**DEPLATFORMINGS**
0