

University of Alaska

Anchorage, AK • 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

222 ▼

/261

▼ -25 FROM 2025

GRADE

F

F FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

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0 FROM 2026

Overview

University of Alaska Anchorage ranks 222 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 55 and an F speech climate grade, dropping 25 places.

UAA lands in the top 50 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” meaning students are comfortable sharing contentious views, but falls into the bottom 50 for “Self-Censorship,” indicating they frequently stay silent. It tumbled 127 places from last year’s top 25 for “Disruptive Conduct,” signaling student acceptance of non-peaceful forms of protest. Its “Political Tolerance” rank jumped 125 places, showing greater student willingness to host controversial speakers.

UAA retains a “red light” Spotlight rating. It should revise student policies to earn a “green light” Spotlight rating and adopt the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and institutional neutrality. UAA should respond clearly and forcefully to defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

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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@fire.org.

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HIGHLIGHTS



45% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



67% 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.

4:1

There are roughly 4.00 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+

— NO CHANGE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D-

▼ DECREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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DEPLATFORMINGS

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