

University of California, Los Angeles

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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

94 ▲

/261

▲ 95 FROM 2025

GRADE

D

▲ F FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

7

4 FROM 2026

Overview

University of California, Los Angeles ranks 94 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 63 and a D speech climate grade, climbing 95 places and 6 points from last year. It was penalized for multiple speech controversies, including an attempted disruption of a speaking event.

UCLA lands in the bottom 25 for “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” meaning students feel constrained when sharing views on controversial topics. It ranks in the bottom 50 for “Administrative Support,” signaling students doubt officials will defend free speech.

UCLA retains a “green light” Spotlight rating. It should adopt the pro-free speech Chicago Statement and an official commitment to institutional neutrality. Given its weak showing on “Administrative Support,” administrators should clearly and forcefully defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

[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.

Spotlight Rating

Green



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

HIGHLIGHTS



38% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



78% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



36% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

8.68 : 1

There are roughly 8.68 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

C

— NO CHANGE

OPENNESS

C-

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

— NO CHANGE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

2

DEPLATFORMINGS

5