

Utah Valley University

Orem, UT • 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

210 ▼

/261

▼ -139 FROM 2025

GRADE

F

▼ D- FROM 2025

CONTROVERSIES

2

1 FROM 2026

Overview

Utah Valley University ranks 210 out of 261 schools in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings with a score of 56 and an F speech climate grade, dropping 139 places from last year.

UVU ranks in the top 25 for “Disruptive Conduct,” suggesting students generally oppose protest tactics that silence speakers. It ranks in the bottom 25 for “Openness,” meaning students see many contentious topics as difficult to discuss. UVU also fell 130 places in “Comfort Expressing Ideas,” reflecting a steep rise in discomfort sharing views.

UVU holds a “yellow 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. UVU should clearly and forcefully defend free speech whenever censorship occurs or is demanded.

[View the Full Spotlight Rating](#)

Spotlight Rating

Yellow



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.

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



HIGHLIGHTS



54% 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.



16% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

1.08 : 1

There are roughly 1.08 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

▼ DECREASE

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

B

▼ DECREASE

OPENNESS

D

▼ DECREASE

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▼ DECREASE

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

D

▲ INCREASE

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▲ INCREASE

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

0

DEPLATFORMINGS

2