



# Arizona

3 schools ranked



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The College Free Speech Rankings are based on student surveys, campus policies, and recent speech-related controversies.

#### AVERAGE RANK

29 ▼

/257

▼ 7 FROM 2024

#### AVERAGE GRADE

D+

▼ DECREASED

#### SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

4

— 0 FROM 2025

## Overview

Three Arizona schools are ranked in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech-climate grade is one of the best in the country at D+.

Arizona State University ranks 23 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. ASU students give relatively high marks for "Political Tolerance," indicating openness to controversial speakers across the spectrum.

Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona rank 31 and 32, respectively. All three campuses have "green light" ratings in FIRE's Spotlight database, meaning their written policies do not seriously threaten student expression. ASU and NAU have adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement, while the University of Arizona faculty senate has formally affirmed it.

If you have questions, reach out to [fire@thefire.org](mailto:fire@thefire.org) or visit us at <https://rankings.thefire.org/>.

## HIGHLIGHTS



46% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



73% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



38% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

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Across Arizona, there are roughly 2.10 liberal students for every one conservative student.

## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASED

### DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C

▼ DECREASED

### OPENNESS

D

▼ DECREASED

### SELF-CENSORSHIP

F

▼ DECREASED

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

### POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

### SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

### STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

2

### DEPLATFORMINGS

2

### HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

1

### ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

### NEW IN 2025

1