



Arizona

3 schools ranked



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.

AVERAGE RANK

29

/261

0 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE

C-

— NO CHANGE

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

0

— 0 IN 2026

Overview

Three Arizona schools are ranked in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech climate grade is one of the best in the country, C-.

The University of Arizona ranks 27 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. It holds a "green light" rating in FIRE's Spotlight database. UA ranks in the bottom 50 for "Openness," suggesting students hesitate to share their views openly. The school's faculty senate has affirmed the pro-free speech Chicago Statement.

Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University follow closely at ranks 29 and 32, respectively. Both ASU and NAU hold green light ratings and have officially adopted the Chicago Statement. Adopting a statement on institutional neutrality would help further improve these schools' speech climates.

If you have questions, reach out to fire@fire.org or visit us at rankings.fire.org/.



HIGHLIGHTS



47% 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.



30% 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 3.21 liberal students for every one conservative student.

SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASED

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▲ INCREASED

OPENNESS

D+

▲ INCREASED

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D-

▲ INCREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

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STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

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DEPLATFORMINGS

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HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

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ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

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NEW IN 2026

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