



Connecticut

5 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

164 ▼

/261

▼ -3 FROM 2025

AVERAGE GRADE

F

— NO CHANGE

SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

2

— 1 IN 2026

Overview

Five Connecticut schools are ranked in the 2027 College Free Speech Rankings. The state's average speech climate grade is F, below the national average of D-.

Yale University ranks 72 overall and is the top-ranked school in the state. It holds a "yellow light" rating in FIRE's Spotlight database and is one of the top-performing schools in the country for "Political Tolerance," suggesting students are exceptionally open to controversial speakers. Yale has adopted a statement on institutional neutrality.

Wesleyan University, the University of Connecticut, Connecticut College, and Trinity College all rank below the top 100. Connecticut College (209) holds a "red light" rating, while the other three maintain yellow light ratings. None of the five schools has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement. Adopting this commitment and reforming restrictive written student policies would help improve these schools' speech climates.

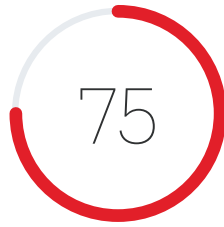
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HIGHLIGHTS



43% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



75% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



31% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

5.48:1

Across Connecticut, there are roughly 5.48 liberal students for every one conservative student.

SCORE DEEP DIVE

COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▲ INCREASED

DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT

C+

▲ INCREASED

OPENNESS

C

▲ INCREASED

SELF-CENSORSHIP

D

▲ INCREASED

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

F

▲ INCREASED

POLITICAL TOLERANCE

F

▼ DECREASED

SCHOLARS UNDER FIRE

0

STUDENTS UNDER FIRE

1

DEPLATFORMINGS

1

HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

0

ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

NEW IN 2026

1