



# Nevada

2 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

98 ▲  
/257

▲ 15 FROM 2024

#### AVERAGE GRADE

F

▼ DECREASED

#### SPEECH CONTROVERSIES

1

— 1 FROM 2025

## Overview

Two Nevada schools are ranked in the 2026 College Free Speech Rankings.  
The state's average speech-climate grade is F, matching the national average.

The University of Nevada–Las Vegas ranks 95, and the University of Nevada–Reno ranks 99. Both schools earn F grades and hold “yellow light” ratings in FIRE’s Spotlight database, meaning their written policies threaten student expression.

The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents has adopted the pro-free speech Chicago Statement, which applies to both UNLV and UNR. Neither school has adopted a statement on institutional neutrality.

Clarifying campus policies and reinforcing their commitments to expressive rights could help Nevada’s schools move out of the bottom tier.

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



## HIGHLIGHTS



41% of students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.



68% of students say shouting down a speaker to prevent them from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.



32% of students say using violence to stop someone from speaking on campus is acceptable, at least in rare cases.

2.97:1

Across Nevada, there are roughly 2.97 liberal students for every one conservative student.

## SCORE DEEP DIVE

### COMFORT EXPRESSING IDEAS

D

▼ DECREASED

### 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

0

### DEPLATFORMINGS

1

### HONOR ROLL STATEMENTS

0

### ATTEMPTED DISRUPTIONS

0

### NEW IN 2025

0