

University of California, Los Angeles

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2026 Report Card

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has a Hillel, Chabad, Jewish Greek life organizations, the Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, and the Leve Center for Jewish Studies.

Litigation & Investigations

In December 2023, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights announced it was opening a Title VI investigation into antisemitic and Islamophobic activities on campus.

In August 2024, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction ordering UCLA to ensure equal access to Jewish students in reaction to the University's handling of anti-Israel encampments in Spring 2024.

In December 2024, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights entered into a resolution agreement with UCLA, outlining a series of actions that the University must take to address antisemitism on campus.

In July 2025, the University of California System and UCLA reached an agreement to settle litigation related to accusations of antisemitism. In August 2025, the Education and Workforce Committee sent a letter to the University of California, Los Angeles Geffen School of Medicine (UCLA Med) "demanding answers...on their failures to address antisemitism."

What's Happening on Campus?

In February 2024, the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association Council and the UCLA Graduate Student Association passed resolutions endorsing BDS.

In April 2024, anti-Israel protestors set up an encampment at the University. During the course of the encampment, several troubling incidents occurred, including UCLA Divest using paraglider imagery on social media and a Jewish student reporting being physically assaulted, as well as altercations between pro-Israel protestors and the encampment. In May 2024, UCLA academic workers joined other UC campuses in striking following the dismantling of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on campus.

In August 2024, at an anti-Israel rally, protestors reportedly chanted, "Zionists want to spill Palestinian blood."

In October 2024, graffiti was spray-painted outside of a dorm building that read "October 7th was not the beginning" with an inverted red triangle, a symbol associated with Hamas.

In December 2024, a student leader of the Cultural Affairs Commission allegedly sent a message directing their staff to create a no-hire list of "Zionists" applying to join the Commission.

In May 2025, at an anti-Israel rally organized by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP),

Criteria

Publicly Disclosed Administrative Actions Above Expectations

- ✓ Antisemitism included in Code of Conduct and Policies
- ✓ Clear process for reporting antisemitic incidents
- ✓ Advisory council to address antisemitism/support Jewish life
- ✓ Clear religious accommodations policy
- ✗ Mandatory antisemitism education for students, faculty and staff
- ✓ Has an official position against **BDS**
- ✓ Publicly condemns antisemitic incidents
- ✓ Partnerships with Israeli institutions
- ✓ Conducts research to assess Jewish campus community experiences
- ✓ Civil discourse initiatives on campus
- ✓ Has Title VI office and/or coordinator
- ✓ Policies prohibiting masked harassment
- ✓ Policies prohibiting encampments and event disruptions

Jewish Life on Campus Excellent

- ✓ Active Hillel, Chabad, or other Jewish student organization
- ✓ Jewish Greek life
- ✓ Jewish studies programs
- ✓ Kosher dining
- ✓ Interfaith initiatives on campus
- ✓ School promotes awareness of Jewish holidays
- ✓ Israel studies or study abroad programs
- ✓ Rabbi/Jewish educator
- ✓ Jewish religious services
- ✓ Jewish alumni group
- ✓ Has a group supporting Jewish employees
- ✓ Partnerships with Jewish-allied organizations
- ✓ Active pro-Israel group

Campus Conduct and Climate Concerns Medium

- ✗ Level of severe antisemitic and anti-Zionist incidents
- ✗ Level of other antisemitic and anti-Zionist incidents
- ✓ Level of hostile anti-Zionist student government activity
- ! Level of hostile anti-Zionist student groups
- ✓ Level of hostile anti-Zionist faculty government activity
- ! Level of hostile anti-Zionist staff and faculty activity



the Palestinian Youth Movement and Jewish Voice for Peace protesters chanted, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," a slogan commonly used as a call for an end of the Jewish state.

University Policies and Responsive Action

UCLA launched a Task Force on Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Hostility, which brought together campus experts and leaders to address campus antisemitism and which published its first report in October 2024.

After October 7, the University also implemented additional security resources to support the Jewish campus community, including creating a new Assistant Vice Chancellor of Public Safety position, and helped establish reflection spaces for Jewish groups and students.

In Spring 2024, Jewish faculty on campus also formed the Jewish Faculty Resilience Group (JFRg).

In August 2024, University of California President Drake launched a UC-wide Campus Climate Initiative to help all UC locations develop campus climate action plans for Fall 2024 and beyond. President Drake also issued a directive to all UC campuses to make clear to their campus communities that certain activities – including encampments, masking to conceal identities, and restricting free movement – are prohibited.

In addition, UCLA has updated its time, place, and manner policies. In September 2024, UCLA administration released communications to underscore the steps being taken to address antisemitism on campus, including: creating the Office of Campus Safety; hosting a Compassionate Conversations speaker series and Speaking Across Conflict Workshops; and conducting a review of reports of antisemitism and anti-Arab/Islamophobic discrimination and harassment.

In March 2025, UCLA indefinitely revoked the status of the University's chapter of Students for Justice in Palestine. That same month, the Initiative to Combat Antisemitism was formally launched and charged with implementing the recommendations of the previously formed Task Force to Combat Antisemitism and Anti-Israeli Bias. The Initiative has three focus areas: overhauling the discrimination reporting system to ensure transparent, accessible, timely, and effective resolutions; enhancing training and education efforts to increase awareness of antisemitism; and ensuring enforcement of rules, policies, and laws. As a result of the Task Force and Initiative's recommendations, content related to antisemitism was included in freshman and transfer orientation, and teaching assistant training, and the University's time, place, and manner policies were revised in 2025.

UCLA also provides in-person sessions during all new student orientation programs, including a session highlighting specific information on Discrimination, Harassment, and Reporting, with new slides and talking points that referenced antisemitism being included in 2025. Furthermore, the UCLA Dialogue across Difference (DaD) Initiative hosts campus events, classes, informal learning opportunities, and social programming to help build civil discourse skills.

Under the terms of the July 2025 settlement to settle litigation related to accusations of antisemitism, UCLA agreed to a permanent injunction guaranteeing that Jewish students will have full and equal access to University programs, activities, and facilities. UCLA undertook further structural reform in August 2025, transitioning its Civil Rights Office into the University's

Compliance Office. As part of this shift, a position was created specifically dedicated to overseeing Title VI and Title VII cases.

University of California, Los Angeles contributed information to our assessment.
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