

UCLA in the Rankings

UCLA performs very well in all the national and international rankings of the “best” public and private universities, including the most widely known list published by U.S. News & World Report.



Following is an overview of some of the more significant and well-known national and international rankings. It includes information on UCLA’s standing, as well as commentary that provides a sense of the factors used to determine the rankings. The charts provide a snapshot of UCLA’s standing in these rankings vis-à-vis other top-tier research universities, both public and private.



U.S. News & World Report

USN&WR this year ranked UCLA second among public universities and moved it up a slot among all universities in a tie for 24th. Five University of California campuses ranked among the top 10 public universities in the nation: Berkeley (1st); UCLA (2nd, tied with University of Virginia and USC); Davis and San Diego (tied for 8th); and Santa Barbara (10th). The *USN&WR* rankings, despite their popularity, tell only part of the story. They place more emphasis on factors that tend to favor private universities, such as endowments, alumni giving and student-faculty ratios. *USN&WR* has also seen its share of controversy. Nevertheless, it is a useful tool that focuses largely on factors related to undergraduate education.

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

RANK		UNIVERSITY	SCORE
1	Private	Harvard University	100
1	Private	Princeton University	100
3	Private	Yale University	99
4	Private	Columbia University	95
4	Private	University of Chicago	95
6	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	94
6	Private	Stanford University	94
8	Private	Duke University	93
8	Private	University of Pennsylvania	93
10	Private	California Institute of Technology	92
10	Private	Dartmouth College	92
12	Private	Northwestern University	91
13	Private	Johns Hopkins University	90
14	Private	Washington University in St. Louis	88
15	Private	Brown University	87
15	Private	Cornell University	87
17	Private	Rice University	84
17	Private	University of Notre Dame	84
17	Private	Vanderbilt University	84
20	Private	Emory University	82
21	Private	Georgetown University	79
21	Public	University of California, Berkeley	79
23	Private	Carnegie Mellon University	78
24	Public	University of California, Los Angeles	77
24	Private	University of Southern California	77
24	Public	University of Virginia	77

Source: Excerpted from U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges 2013

WASHINGTON MONTHLY

RANK		UNIVERSITY	SCORE
1	Public	University of California, San Diego	100
2	Public	Texas A&M University	91
3	Private	Stanford University	90
4	Public	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	89
5	Public	University of California, Berkeley	87
6	Public	University of California, Los Angeles	85
7	Private	Case Western Reserve University	84
8	Public	University of Washington, Seattle	84
9	Public	University of California, Riverside	82
10	Public	Georgia Institute of Technology, Main	81
11	Private	Harvard University	81
12	Public	University of Texas at El Paso	79
13	Public	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	79
14	Public	University of California, Santa Barbara	77
15	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	77
16	Private	University of Notre Dame	76
17	Public	University of California, Davis	75
18	Public	University of Wisconsin, Madison	72
19	Private	Cornell University	72
20	Private	Princeton University	71
21	Public	University of Florida	71
22	Public	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	71
23	Public	University of Texas, Austin	70
24	Public	College of William and Mary	70
25	Private	Tufts University	69



Washington Monthly

Washington Monthly's rankings are unique in that they place an emphasis on the societal benefits of major research universities, including access, social commitment and the importance of research as a major driver of the economy and quality of life. In 2012 UCLA ranked sixth in the nation overall.

- Half of UCLA's undergraduates participate in some form of community service, such as tutoring youths, adults and incarcerated juveniles; addressing the health and educational needs of underserved communities; combating poverty and homelessness; and providing legal, social, medical and educational assistance to local residents.
- More than a third of UCLA undergraduates receive federal Pell Grants, which provide upward mobility. UCLA graduates nearly 90 percent of those who enroll as freshmen, among the top in the nation.

Center for Measuring University Performance

In 2011, the most recent ranking, the center placed UCLA among the nation's top research universities — both public and private. This ranking focuses on nine key measures of university research performance, including competitively awarded research grants and contracts, faculty membership in the National Academies, faculty awards, the number of doctorates awarded and other factors. UCLA was ranked in the top 25 among all research universities in seven of these measures, including:

- 5th in the nation in total research expenditures
- 7th in the nation in faculty awards
- 7th in the nation in producing doctorates



RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES		NUMBER OF MEASURES IN TOP 25	NUMBER OF MEASURES IN TOP 26–50
Private	Columbia University	9	0
Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	9	0
Private	Stanford University	9	0
Private	University of Pennsylvania	9	0
Private	Harvard University	8	1
Private	Duke University	8	0
Public	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	8	0
Private	Washington University in St. Louis	8	0
Private	Johns Hopkins University	7	2
Private	Yale University	7	2
Public	University of California, Berkeley	7	1
Public	University of California, Los Angeles	7	1
Public	University of Washington, Seattle	7	1
Public	University of Wisconsin, Madison	7	1
Public	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	6	2
Public	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	6	2
Public	University of Texas, Austin	6	1
Private	Northwestern University	5	4
Private	University of Southern California	5	4
Public	University of California, San Diego	5	1
Private	University of Chicago	4	5
Public	Ohio State University, Columbus	4	4
Public	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh	4	4
Private	Vanderbilt University	4	4
Public	Texas A&M University	4	3

*9 key measures of university research performance

Source: Excerpted from *The Center for Measuring University Performance, 2011 Annual Report*

International Rankings

LONDON'S TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

THE, which ranked UCLA 13th among the top 400 universities in the world, bases its rankings on performance indicators such as teaching, research and the international mix of staff and students.

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC RANKING OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES

Shanghai placed UCLA second among the world's public universities and 12th overall. This ranking is based heavily on faculty publications and citations, as well as the number of alumni and faculty who have won Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals.

LONDON'S TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION

WORLD RANK	INSTITUTION	OVERALL SCORE
1	California Institute of Technology	95.5
2	University of Oxford	93.7
2	Stanford University	93.7
4	Harvard University	93.6
5	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	93.1
6	Princeton University	92.7
7	University of Cambridge	92.6
8	Imperial College London	90.6
9	University of California, Berkeley	90.5
9	University of Chicago	90.4
11	Yale University	89.2
12	ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	87.8
13	University of California, Los Angeles	87.7
14	Columbia University	87
15	University of Pennsylvania	86.6
16	Johns Hopkins University	85.6
17	University College London	85.5
18	Cornell University	83.3
19	Northwestern University	83.1
20	University of Michigan	82.6
21	University of Toronto	82.2
22	Carnegie Mellon University	81.5
23	Duke University	81.2
24	University of Washington	79.9
25	Georgia Institute of Technology	78.8

Source: Excerpted from *THE Top 200 – The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012–2013*

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SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC RANKING OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES

WORLD RANK	INSTITUTION	TOTAL SCORE
1	Harvard University	100
2	Stanford University	72.8
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	71.8
4	University of California, Berkeley	71.6
5	University of Cambridge	69.8
6	California Institute of Technology	64.1
7	Princeton University	62.1
8	Columbia University	60.1
9	University of Chicago	57.2
10	University of Oxford	56.1
11	Yale University	54.8
12	University of California, Los Angeles	52.2
13	Cornell University	50.8
14	University of Pennsylvania	50.5
15	University of California, San Diego	49.6
16	University of Washington	48.4
17	The Johns Hopkins University	47.4
18	University of California, San Francisco	46.6
19	University of Wisconsin - Madison	45.4
20	The University of Tokyo	43.8
21	University College London	43.7
22	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	43.4
23	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	43.3
24	The Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	42.4
25	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	41.9

Source: Excerpted from *Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2012*

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Doctoral Research Rankings

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The NRC compiles the premier assessment of the nation's doctoral research programs. In its most recent ranking, which came out in 2010, the NRC placed many of UCLA's graduate programs in its highest ranks. Of the 59 UCLA programs evaluated by the NRC, 40 placed within a range that extended to the top 10. Only two other universities — UC Berkeley, with 48, and Harvard University, with 46 — had more programs that extended to the top 10.

Hospital Rankings



U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S "BEST HOSPITALS"

Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center ranked among the top five hospitals in the United States and was rated the best hospital in the Western United States for the 23rd consecutive year in *USN&WR's* 2012 survey.



Other Marks of Excellence

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the campus again exceeded \$1 billion in awarded research grants and contracts in a single year. The two largest sources of research funding were the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

UCLA is the most popular campus in the nation, with more than 72,500 freshman applicants for a fall 2012 class of about 5,500. The overall grade-point average of the nearly 15,500 freshman applicants who were admitted for fall was 4.30.

A distinguished faculty is the cornerstone of any great university. Six UCLA alumni and five faculty members have been awarded the Nobel Prize, and the campus has had 10 National Medal of Science winners, 12 MacArthur Foundation Fellows, three Pulitzer Prize winners and hundreds of recipients of Guggenheim, Sloan, Fulbright-Hays and other leading academic grants, fellowships and awards.