

U.S. News & World Report: Best Colleges

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U.S. News & World Report's [Best Colleges](#), now in its 40th year, is an influential US undergraduate ranking. The publication evaluates **1,500 US bachelor's degree-granting institutions** on 17 measures of academic quality.

With nearly 4,000 colleges and universities in the US, being included in the annual list is itself a recognition of excellence. Once again, Kaplan's outstanding US university partners are highly ranked, including 17 categories and programs in the **top 20** and 34 in the **top 50 in the USA**.

Best National Universities (436 institutions ranked that offer a range of undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs, and emphasize research or professional practice)	Arizona State University	UConn	University of Oregon	Pace University	Simmons University
Overall rank	#121	#70	#109	#266	#163
Most innovative university	#1				
Top public universities	#61	#32	#52	Not applicable	Not applicable
Best value universities	#159	#99	#179		#33
Top performers on social mobility (success of economically disadvantaged students)	#190			#211	#72
Best for undergraduate business (532 AACSB-accredited programs considered)	Arizona State University	UConn	University of Oregon	Pace University	Simmons University
Overall best program	#27	#53	#53	#176	#361
Accounting	#13				
Business Analytics	#10				
Entrepreneurship	#26				
Finance	#19				
International Business	#24				
Management	#12				
Management Information Systems	#9				
Marketing	#33				
Production / Operation Management	#9				
Supply Chain Management / Logistics	#2				
Best for undergraduate engineering (209 ABET-accredited programs considered)	Arizona State University	UConn			
Overall best program	#35	#71			
Civil Engineering	#16				
Computer Engineering	#25				
Electrical Engineering	#19				
Environmental Engineering	#13				
Mechanical Engineering	#26				
Industrial Engineering	#17				

Best for undergraduate computer science (584 programs considered)	Arizona State University	UConn	University of Oregon	Pace University	
Overall best program	#46	#73	#73	#281	
Artificial Intelligence	#19				
Cybersecurity	#18				
Other undergraduate programs (selected by expert survey)	Arizona State University	UConn	University of Oregon	Pace University	Simmons University
Best economics programs (318 ranked in total)	#57	#78	#83	#198	
Best nursing programs (686 ranked in total)	#39	#39		#149	#254
Best psychology programs (681 ranked in total)	#42	#53	#42	#180	#273
Best programs that enhance student experience (selected from ~1500 institutions by expert survey)	Arizona State University				
Best undergraduate teaching	#7				
Co-ops and internships	#14				
First-year experiences (regular first-year seminars, or similar, built into the curriculum that bring students and faculty together)	#22				
Learning communities (students take courses as a group and get to know one another and their professors especially well)	#21				
Senior capstone experience (students nearing the end of their degree create a project that integrates what they've learned)	#21				
Service learning (students apply what they learn in class in community activities)	#17				
Undergraduate research and creative projects	#23				

Notes:

1. Not all programs are available through Kaplan. For example, students who are interested in studying undergraduate-level nursing at Pace University should apply directly to Pace. Complete program ranking lists have been included to indicate each University partners' academic strengths and quality of education, as assessed by the ranking model of U.S.News.
2. Actual programs may be named differently to the U.S.News category in which they are ranked. For example, ASU is ranked #24 in the "International Business" list – but ASU's majors in this field are Global Management, International Trade, and Business (Global Leadership).
3. This summary of rankings does not indicate if a ranking position is tied. Some of the numeric rankings are tied. A "tie" means that more than one university achieves the same score in the ranking model and both are published with the same rank.

World ranking highlights

A summary of Kaplan’s North American university partner placements in selected world ranking publications.

QS World University Rankings 2025 (over 1,500 institutions ranked in 105 countries/ territories)	University of Alberta	Arizona State University	University of Victoria	UConn	University of Oregon
Overall world rank (national rank)	96 (4)	200 (38)	349 (15)	565 (80)	850 (117)
Academic reputation	136 (4)	165 (37)	530 (16)	600	496
Research quality – citations per faculty	194 (5)	289	188 (4)	438	573
International Research Network	55 (3)	66 (11)	Top 800 (24)	198	Top 800
International Student Ratio	207 (13)	378	350 (21)	556	Top 800
International Faculty Ratio	116 (3)	357	152 (8)	514	Top 800
Employer reputation	222 (7)	209 (34)	Top 700 (22)	Top 700	Top 700
Employment outcomes	159 (7)	479	Top 800 (26)	487	485
Sustainability	28 (5)	41 (6)	139 (18)	388	577=

- University of Alberta rises to become a **top 100 university in the world**.
- Arizona State University holds its position of **top 200 university in the world and top 40 in the USA**.

Times Higher Education 2024 (over 1,900 institutions ranked in 108 countries/ territories)	University of Alberta	Arizona State University	University of Victoria	UConn	University of Oregon
World University rank (national rank)	109 (5)	182 (52)	Top 400 (15=)	Top 400 (85=)	Top 500 (106=)
University Impact rankings	6 (1)	9 (1)	13 (3)		
World’s most international universities		121			
Best universities for reducing inequalities		23	63=		
Top universities for a technology education	65	49			

- University of Alberta climbs 9 places to #109 worldwide and is now ranked **5th in Canada**
- ASU, University of Alberta and University of Victoria are all in the **top 15 universities in the world** for making a global impact by committing to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

Centre for World University Rankings 2024 (20,966 institutions ranked, and those that placed at the top made the Global 2000 list)	University of Alberta	Arizona State University	University of Victoria	UConn	University of Oregon
Overall world rank (percentage)	81 (top 0.4%)	194 (top 1%)	419 (top 2%)	202 (top 1%)	436 (top 2.1%)
Education rank – academic success of alumni	325	451		500	161
Employability rank – professional success of alumni	523	649	1315	387	
Faculty rank – academic distinctions received	67	266		113	
Research rank – output, quality, influence	88	150	389	235	429