

# UCLA in the Rankings



The public is inundated with national and international rankings of the “best” universities. UCLA consistently fares very well in all such rankings, including the best-known, 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. We have attached charts so that you have a quick 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 25th among all universities. In all, five University of California campuses ranked among the top 10 public universities in the nation: Berkeley (1st), UCLA (2nd), San Diego (7th), and Davis and Santa Barbara (tied for 9th).

But 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. There have been reports that some private institutions alter their admissions strategies or the way they collect or submit data in order to fare better in these rankings. 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
2	Private	Princeton University	99
3	Private	Yale University	98
4	Private	Columbia University	93
5	Private	Stanford University	92
5	Private	University of Pennsylvania	92
7	Private	California Institute of Technology	91
7	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	91
9	Private	Dartmouth College	90
9	Private	Duke University	90
9	Private	University of Chicago	90
12	Private	Northwestern University	89
13	Private	Johns Hopkins University	86
13	Private	Washington University in St. Louis	86
15	Private	Brown University	85
15	Private	Cornell University	85
17	Private	Rice University	82
17	Private	Vanderbilt University	82
19	Private	University of Notre Dame	81
20	Private	Emory University	80
21	Private	Georgetown University	77
22	Public	University of California--Berkeley	76
23	Private	Carnegie Mellon University	74
23	Private	University of Southern California	74
25	Public	University of California--Los Angeles	73

Source: Excerpted from U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges 2011

Washington Monthly			
Rank		University	Score
1	Public	Univ. of California, San Diego	100
2	Public	University of California, Berkeley	97
<b>3</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Univ. of California, Los Angeles</b>	<b>93</b>
4	Private	Stanford University (CA)	87
5	Public	University of Texas, Austin	83
6	Public	University of California, Davis	81
7	Public	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	79
8	Private	Syracuse University (NY)	78
9	Private	Harvard University (MA)	78
10	Public	College of William and Mary (VA)	77
11	Public	University of California, Santa Barbara	76
12	Private	University of Chicago	75
13	Public	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	74
14	Public	South Carolina State University	74
15	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	72
16	Public	University of Washington	72
17	Private	Case Western Reserve University (OH)	71
18	Public	Rutgers, State University of NJ, Newark	71
19	Private	Georgetown University	71
20	Public	Texas A&M University, College Station	68
21	Private	Dartmouth Collge (NH)	67
22	Private	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	66
23	Public	University of Wisconsin, Madison	66
24	Private	Princeton University (NJ)	65
25	Private	Rice University (TX)	65

Source: Excerpted from Washington Monthly National University Rankings 2010

### 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. UCLA ranked third in the nation overall and first in community service this year.

- 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 2009, the most recent ranking, the center placed UCLA among a handful of the nation's top research universities. 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:

- 4th in the nation in total research expenditures.
- 5th in the nation in federal research dollars.
- 10th in producing doctorates.

Center for Measuring University Performance				
Research Universities			Number of Measures in Top 25	Number of Measures in Top 26-50
1	Private	Columbia University	9	0
2	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	9	0
3	Private	Stanford University	9	0
4	Private	Harvard University	8	1
5	Private	University of Pennsylvania	8	1
6	Private	Duke University	8	0
7	Public	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	8	0
8	Private	Yale University	7	2
9	Public	University of California, Berkeley	7	1
<b>10</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
11	Public	University of Washington, Seattle	7	1
12	Public	University of Wisconsin, Madison	7	1
13	Private	Johns Hopkins University	6	3
14	Private	University of Southern California	6	3
15	Public	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	6	2
16	Public	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	6	2
17	Private	Washington University in St. Louis	6	2
18	Public	University of Texas, Austin	6	1
19	Public	University of California, San Diego	6	0
20	Public	University of California, San Francisco	6	0
21	Public	Ohio State University - Columbus	5	3
22	Private	University of Chicago	5	2
23	Private	Princeton University	5	1
24	Private	Cornell University	4	5
25	Public	University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh	4	4

Source: Excerpted from The Center for Measuring University Performance, 2009 Annual Report

## INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS

### London's Times Higher Education

THE, which ranked UCLA 11th among the top 200 universities in the world, bases its rankings on performance indicators such as teaching, research and the international mix of staff and students.

London's Times Higher Education		
World Rank	Institution	Overall Score
1	Harvard University	96.1
2	California Institute of Technology	96
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	95.6
4	Stanford University	94.3
5	Princeton University	94.2
6	University of Cambridge	91.2
6	University of Oxford	91.2
8	University of California Berkeley	91.1
9	Imperial College London	90.6
10	Yale University	89.5
<b>11</b>	<b>University of California Los Angeles</b>	<b>87.7</b>
12	University of Chicago	86.9
13	Johns Hopkins University	86.4
14	Cornell University	83.9
15	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	83.4
15	University of Michigan	83.4
17	University of Toronto	82
18	Chart	81
19	University of Pennsylvania	79.5
20	Carnegie Mellon University	79.3
21	University of Hong Kong	79.2
22	University College London	78.4
23	University of Washington	78
24	Duke University	76.5
25	Northwestern University	75.9

Source: Excerpted from THE Top 200 - The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2010-2011



### Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities

Shanghai placed UCLA second among the world's public universities and 13th 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.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities		
World Rank	Institution	Total Score
1	Harvard University	100
2	Stanford University	73.1
3	University of California, Berkeley	71
4	University of Cambridge	70.2
5	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	69.5
6	California Institute of Technology	64.8
7	Columbia University	61.7
8	Princeton University	60.2
9	University of Chicago	57
10	University of Oxford	56.3
11	Yale University	55.2
12	Cornell University	53.1
<b>13</b>	<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	<b>52.3</b>
14	University of California, San Diego	50.7
15	University of Pennsylvania	49.3
16	University of Washington	48
17	University of Wisconsin - Madison	46.7
18	University of California, San Francisco	45.9
19	The Johns Hopkins University	45.2
20	The University of Tokyo	45.1
21	University College London	44.6
22	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	43.8
23	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	43.6
24	Kyoto University	42.7
25	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	42.4

Source: Excerpted from Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2009

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH RANKINGS

### National Research Council

The NRC, which compiles the premier assessment of the nation's doctoral research programs, this year 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 21st consecutive year in USN&WR's 2010 survey.

## OTHER MARKS OF EXCELLENCE

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, the campus for the first time exceeded \$1 billion in competitively 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 57,000 freshman applicants for a fall 2010 class of about 4,800. The overall grade-point average of the more than 13,000 freshman applicants who were admitted for fall was 4.37.

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 and hundreds of recipients of Guggenheim, MacArthur, Sloan, Fulbright-Hays and other leading academic grants, fellowships and awards.

