

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 tied for 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, tied with University of Virginia), San Diego (8th), Davis (9th) and Santa Barbara (10th). 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
1	Private	Princeton University	100
3	Private	Yale University	98
4	Private	Columbia University	94
5	Private	California Institute of Technology	93
5	Private	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	93
5	Private	Stanford University	93
5	Private	University of Chicago	93
5	Private	University of Pennsylvania	93
10	Private	Duke University	92
11	Private	Dartmouth College	91
12	Private	Northwestern University	90
13	Private	Johns Hopkins University	89
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	Vanderbilt University	84
19	Private	University of Notre Dame	83
20	Private	Emory University	81
21	Public	University of California, Berkeley	79
22	Private	Georgetown University	78
23	Private	Carnegie Mellon University	77
23	Private	University of Southern California	77
25	Public	University of California, Los Angeles	76
25	Public	University of Virginia	76
25	Private	Wake Forest University	76

Source: Excerpted from *U.S. News & World Report, Best Colleges 2012*

Washington Monthly

Rank	University	Score
1	Public University of California, San Diego	100
2	Public University of California, Los Angeles	99
3	Public University of California, Berkeley	98
4	Private Stanford University (CA)	93
5	Public University of California, Riverside	85
6	Private Harvard University	83
7	Private Case Western Reserve University (OH)	83
8	Public University of California, Davis	81
9	Public Jackson State University	78
10	Public University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	77
11	Private Massachusetts Institute of Technology	76
12	Public University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	76
13	Public University of California, Santa Barbara	76
14	Private Syracuse University	74
15	Public Texas A&M University, College Station	74
16	Private University of Notre Dame	74
17	Private Cornell University	74
18	Public South Carolina State University	68
19	Public University of Texas, Austin	68
20	Private Johns Hopkins University	67
21	Private University of Pennsylvania	66
22	Private Rice University	66
23	Public University of Washington	66
24	Public College of William and Mary	65
25	Private University of Chicago	65



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 2011 UCLA ranked second in the nation overall — one spot higher than the previous year — and first in community service.

- 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 2010, the most recent ranking, the center placed UCLA 9th 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
- 10th in the nation in federal research dollars
- 9th in the nation 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	University of Pennsylvania	9	0
5	Private	Harvard University	8	1
6	Private	Yale University	7	2
7	Private	Duke University	7	1
8	Public	University of California, Berkeley	7	1
9	Public	University of California, Los Angeles	7	1
10	Public	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	7	1
11	Public	University of Washington, Seattle	7	1
12	Public	University of Wisconsin, Madison	7	1
13	Private	Johns Hopkins University	6	3
14	Public	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	6	2
15	Public	University of Texas, Austin	6	1
16	Private	University of Southern California	5	4
17	Public	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	5	3
18	Private	Washington University in St. Louis	5	3
19	Public	University of California, San Diego	5	1
20	Private	Cornell University	4	5
21	Private	Northwestern University	4	5
22	Private	University of Chicago	4	5
23	Public	Ohio State University, Columbus	4	4
24	Private	Vanderbilt University	4	4
25	Private	New York University	4	3

Source: Excerpted from *The Center for Measuring University Performance, 2010 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	94.8
2	Harvard University	93.9
2	Stanford University	93.9
4	University of Oxford	93.6
5	Princeton University	92.9
6	University of Cambridge	92.4
7	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	92.3
8	Imperial College London	90.7
9	University of Chicago	90.2
10	University of California, Berkeley	89.8
11	Yale University	89.1
12	Columbia University	87.5
13	University of California, Los Angeles	87.3
14	Johns Hopkins University	85.8
15	ETH Zurich, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	85
16	University of Pennsylvania	84.9
17	University College London	83.2
18	University of Michigan	82.8
19	University of Toronto	81.6
20	Cornell University	80.5
21	Carnegie Mellon University	78.4
22	University of British Columbia	77.4
22	Duke University	77.4
24	Georgia Institute of Technology	77
25	University of Washington	76.5

Source: Excerpted from *THE Top 200 – The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2011–2012*

Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities		
World Rank	Institution	Total Score
1	Harvard University	100
2	Stanford University	72.6
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	72
4	University of California, Berkeley	71.9
5	University of Cambridge	70
6	California Institute of Technology	64.7
7	Princeton University	61.2
8	Columbia University	60.4
9	University of Chicago	57.5
10	University of Oxford	56.4
11	Yale University	54.8
12	University of California, Los Angeles	53
13	Cornell University	51.5
14	University of Pennsylvania	50.4
15	University of California, San Diego	49.5
16	University of Washington	48.8
17	University of California, San Francisco	46.7
18	The Johns Hopkins University	45.9
19	University of Wisconsin, Madison	45.6
20	University College London	44.8
21	The University of Tokyo	44.6
22	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	44.1
23	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	43.2
24	The Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	42.6
25	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	42.5

Source: Excerpted from *Shanghai Jiao Tong University's Academic Ranking of World Universities 2011*

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 22nd consecutive year in USN&WR's 2011 survey.



Other Marks of Excellence

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the campus again 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 61,500 freshman applicants for a fall 2011 class of about 5,800. The overall grade-point average of the more than 15,700 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, 11 MacArthur Foundation Fellows, three Pulitzer Prize winners and hundreds of recipients of Guggenheim, Sloan, Fulbright-Hays and other leading academic grants, fellowships and awards.