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HOW THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS RATES

The following is a list of guides that rate the University of Kansas:

1. *U.S. News and World Report*, "America's Best Graduate Schools," March 2017, web site.

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
City Management & Urban Policy (Master)	1	1	2016
Special Education (Master/Doctorate)	1	2	2017
Public Management Administration (Master)	3	6	2016
Occupational Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	4 tied	9 tied	2016
Speech-Language-Pathology (Master)	5 tied	7 tied	2016
Petroleum Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	8	11 tied	2017
Environmental Policy and Management (Master)	8 tied	13 tied	2016
School of Education (Master/Doctorate)	8	17	2017
Physical Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	20 tied	2016
Public Affairs (Master)	10 tied	19 tied	2016
Clinical Child Psychology (Doctorate)	12 tied	16 tied	2016
Curriculum and Instruction (Doctorate)	12 tied	16 tied	2017
Social Work (Master)	12 tied	22 tied	2016
Public Finance & Budgeting (Master)	13	16	2016
Nursing-Midwifery (Master)	14 tied	24 tied	2016
Nursing-Anesthesia (DNP)	14 tied	29 tied	2016
Secondary Teacher Education (Doctorate)	16 tied	20 tied	2017
Pharmacy (PharmD)	20	21	2016
Audiology (Doctorate)	20	24	2016
History (Doctorate)	20 tied	41 tied	2017
Clinical Psychology (Doctorate)	21 tied	31 tied	2016
Healthcare Management (Master)	25 tied	42 tied	2015
Aerospace Engineering (Master)	27 tied	37 tied	2017
Medicine - Primary Care	28 tied	49 tied	2017
Psychology (Doctorate)	30 tied	50 tied	2017
Medicine - Research	34 tied	65 tied	2017
Law (JD)	36 tied	65 tied	2017
Earth Sciences (Geology- Doctorate)	37 tied	54 tied	2014
Fine Arts (Master)	37 tied	69 tied	2016
Political Science (Doctorate)	38 tied	65 tied	2017
Biological Sciences (Doctorate)	38 tied	68 tied	2014
Nursing Practice (DNP)	40	59 tied	2017
English (Doctorate)	40 tied	67 tied	2017
Civil Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	41 tied	60 tied	2017
Mathematics (Doctorate)	41 tied	68 tied	2014
Chemical Engineering (Doctorate)	44 tied	69 tied	2017
Environ./Environ. Health Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	44 tied	70 tied	2017
Chemistry (Doctorate)	44 tied	71 tied	2014
Economics (Doctorate)	44 tied	72 tied	2017
Electrical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	44 tied	74 tied	2017
Nursing (Master)	45 tied	67 tied	2017
Part-time MBA	47 tied	78 tied	2017
Sociology (Doctorate)	51 tied	75 tied	2017
Computer Science (Doctorate)	52 tied	82 tied	2014
Physics (Doctorate)	52 tied	85 tied	2014
School of Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	59 tied	94 tied	2017
Mechanical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	59 tied	95 tied	2017
<u>Online Programs</u>			
Nursing (Masters)	14 tied	19 tied	2017
MBA	60	78 tied	2017
Law - Grading by Lawyers	23 tied	50 tied	2011

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2. *U.S. News and World Report*, “America’s Best Colleges,” September 2016, web site.

KU is among the top national public universities, say the editors of *U.S. News and World Report*. KU tied for 56th out of 189 national public universities. The magazine used academic reputation, retention and graduation rates, and other criteria to determine the rankings of the undergraduate education offered at the nation’s great institutions. The following list contains the KU undergraduate programs (level) that have been ranked:

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
Business (Bachelor)	41 tied	63 tied	2016
Engineering (Bachelor)	44 tied	75 tied	2016

3. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Colleges for Veterans,” September 2016, web site.

KU is tied for 40th among all public universities as a Best College for Veterans. Only ranked national universities in the US News “Best Colleges” that met criteria benefitting veterans are included. The institution had to be certified for the GI Bill and participating in the Yellow Ribbon program.

4. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Colleges: High School Counselor Rankings,” September 2016, web site.

U.S. News asked high school counselors of “America’s Best High Schools” rankings to rate the colleges they think offer the best undergraduate education to their students. The following is how KU ranked (3 year average):

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
High School Counselor Rankings	51 tied	117 tied	2016

5. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Global Universities Rankings,” October 24, 2016, web site.

U.S. News ranked KU 222nd (tie) among 1,000 global universities. KU’s Pharmacology and Toxicology program ranked 48th (tie) in the world. Other categories KU ranked in the top 200 in the world - Plant and Animal Science 131 (tie), Arts and Humanities 134, Geosciences 149 (tie), Psychiatry/Psychology 157, Neuroscience and Behavior 161 (tie), Social Sciences and Public Health 180 (tie), Molecular Biology and Genetics 181.

6. American Academy of Family Physicians, January 9, 2017, web site.

The KU School of Medicine ranks #2 in a study of medical schools’ production of graduates who go into family medicine. The School of Medicine percentage was 17.8.

7. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Hospitals 2016-17,” August 2, 2016, web site.

The University of Kansas Hospital ranked in 11 of the 16 adult medical and surgical specialties. The Hospital also achieved the highest rating possible in seven procedures or conditions. The Hospital was named the best hospital in Kansas and in the Kansas City, MO metro area. U.S. News analyzed 4,667 hospitals across the U.S.

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Geriatrics	13
Urology	17
Neurology & Neurosurgery	22
Cancer	25
Pulmonology	28
Ear, Nose & Throat	31
Diabetes & Endocrinology	33
Gastroenterology & GI Surgery	35
Orthopedics	35
Cardiology & Heart Surgery	38
Gynecology	38

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8. National League of Nursing, web site.

The KU School of Nursing has been designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for 2013-2018. KU is the only nursing school in the region and one of just 48 nursing schools in the country to currently hold the designation. The designation was granted for demonstrating sustained, evidence-based and substantive innovation in the category of "Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development."

9. National Student Show, Dallas Society of Visual Communications, April 27, 2016, KU News release.

The KU Department of Design was named Best School, the fifth year in a row the department has won the show's top academic award. KU students won 13 "Best of" awards out of a total 29 categories. KU students took home first places in Best Portfolio in the Sophomore and Senior categories. The National Student Show is the only graphic arts event in the U.S. where entries are limited to student work.

10. SR Education Group, "2016 Top Accounting Graduate Programs," July 2016, web site.

The KU School of Business Master of Accounting program ranked 9th in the top programs in the country. The rankings are based on student feedback across seven areas, including student diversity, degree satisfaction and quality of instruction.

11. *Pre-Law* magazine, August 15, 2016, web site.

KU has been ranked 17th in the Top 20 Best Value Law Schools of 2016. Criteria includes employment, bar pass rate, student debt, tuition, and cost of living.

12. *The National Jurist* magazine, Spring 2017, web site.

KU's Law School ranked in the second block (21-36 institutions) in the Best Law Schools for Practical Training. Factors considered are greatest percentage of students in clinics, externships, simulation courses, and interschool competitions.

13. *KU Today* and School of Pharmacy news release, May 2, 2017.

KU School of Pharmacy ranked 4th in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding. KU has been in the top ten for 22 consecutive years. KU is the only Big 12 institution in the top 10.

14. Phi Theta Kappa, news release, March 10, 2017, web site

KU is one of 65 colleges and universities named to Phi Theta Kappa's Transfer Honor Roll, which identifies the top four-year colleges and universities for creating dynamic pathways to support community college transfer. Honor roll members are selected based on 1) institution partnerships and community college collaboration; 2) pre-transfer institutional support; 3) post-transfer student engagement and support; 4) community college data tracking and institutional priorities; 5) transfer innovations such as the one degree partnership program KU developed with Johnson County Community College. The program allows students to be fully admitted at both institutions at the same time.

15. *Military Advanced Education* magazine, "2017 Guide to Colleges and Universities," web site.

KU has been named a top school. KU ranked high on military culture, general support, online support, on-campus support, and is recognized for having a long history educating veterans and military service members with many veterans services.

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16. Military Times, "Best for Vets: Colleges 2017," November 1, 2016, web site.

KU ranks 10th in the 4-year college category for being the best college for military veterans. The School of Business ranked 4th out of more than 180 graduate business schools.

17. *Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2017 edition.*

The 2017 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges stated "with solid academics, outstanding extracurricular programs, winning athletics, and a stellar social life, the University of Kansas has a bounty of opportunities for motivated Jayhawks. With nearly 50 nationally ranked academic programs, Kansas' reputation continues to grow. One of the nation's best Honors Programs, comprehensive study abroad programs, extensive undergraduate research opportunities, and a robust sense of school spirit are just some of the reasons students choose to be a Jayhawk." Several programs are cited: architecture, business, honors program, and journalism. Each year, Fiske ranks academics, social life, and quality of university life on a scale of one to five. KU has scored a four in each category every year since the first edition of the guide was published in 1982.

18. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, web site.

KU has been named to the 2015 class of Innovation & Economic Prosperity Universities. The designation acknowledges universities working with public and private sector partners in their states and regions to support economic development through a variety of activities, including innovation and entrepreneurship, technology transfer, talent and workforce development, and community development. The APLU designation is valid for 10 years. KU was one of only 18 institutions nationwide chosen in 2015. Through 2016 only fifty-four institutions have won this designation.

19. Public University Press, "Inside Honors: Ratings and Reviews of Sixty Public University Honors Programs," October 2016, web site.

The KU University Honors Program was selected as one of the top public university honors programs in 2016. KU's program was awarded a 5 out of 5 ranking; 1 of only 11 honors programs nationwide to receive a perfect score. Sixty public honors programs are evaluated on a set of 12 criteria biennially.

20. Corporation for National and Community Service, "President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll", September 21, 2016, web site.

KU has been named to the honor roll. The honor roll is the highest federal recognition of a university's commitment to service learning, volunteering and civic engagement. This is KU's ninth consecutive year on the honor roll.

21. Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 2015 Community Engagement Classification, web site.

KU has been recognized for its outstanding commitment to and involvement with the community by being selected as one of 361 institutions for the Community Engagement Classification. Community engagement describes collaboration between higher education institutions and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. To be selected, KU had to provide examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement that showed alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

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22. *Choosing the Right College 2014-15; The Inside Scoop on Elite Schools and Outstanding Lesser Known Institutions*, August 2013.

KU is listed as one of the Blue Collar Ivies, where students can get an elite education on a shoestring. KU's Honors program, Study Abroad, plentiful foreign language offerings, and Center for Teaching Excellence are sited. KU is the only school from Kansas listed in the book.

23. *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions That Matter*, written by George D. Kuh, Jillian Kinzie, John H. Schuh, and Elizabeth J. Whitt. Based on the 2004 report called Project DEEP, or Documenting Effective Educational Practice from the Center for Postsecondary Research, revised and updated in 2010.

KU is featured as one of 20 universities and colleges nationwide that creates an effective learning environment for students to succeed in their college careers. KU is praised for excelling in five main areas: instruction, service, research, internationalism and humanitarian values. The book also highlights KU's "students come first" attitude in campus life. Over the past decade, the university has "emphasized high-quality undergraduate instruction, the product of deliberate effort to balance its research and teaching missions." The focus on teaching extends to the highest levels of the university's administration, where executive-level administrators teach at least one class each year.