

**TABLE 1-140**  
**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 2018, web site

**NOTE: business, education, engineering, law, nursing, and medicine rankings are based on statistical data measuring quality of faculty, research, and students, and on reputation surveys. All other graduate programs and specialty area rankings are based on reputation surveys which were sent to academics and professionals in the disciplines being ranked.**

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
<b>Local Government Management (MPA)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Special Education (Master/Doctorate)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2018</b>
Occupational Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	4 tied	9 tied	2016
Urban Policy (MPA)	5	7 tied	2018
Speech-Language-Pathology (Master)	5 tied	7 tied	2016
Public Management and Leadership (MPA)	5	9	2018
Petroleum Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	8 tied	11 tied	2018
School of Education (Master/Doctorate)	9	17 tied	2018
Physical Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	20 tied	2016
Curriculum and Instruction (Doctorate)	12 tied	15 tied	2018
Clinical Child Psychology (Doctorate)	12 tied	16 tied	2016
Public Affairs (MPA)	12 tied	23 tied	2018
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
Public Finance & Budgeting (MPA)	20 tied	26 tied	2018
History (Doctorate)	20 tied	41 tied	2017
Clinical Psychology (Doctorate)	21 tied	31 tied	2016
Social Work (Master)	21 tied	34 tied	2018
Public Policy Analysis (MPA)	21 tied	34 tied	2018
Healthcare Management (Master)	25 tied	42 tied	2015
Medicine - Primary Care (MD)	27 tied	56 tied	2018
Psychology (Doctorate)	30 tied	50 tied	2017
Nursing Practice (DNP)	31 tied	48 tied	2018
Nursing (Master)	32 tied	50 tied	2018
Aerospace Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	33 tied	48 tied	2018
Civil Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	36 tied	55 tied	2018
Medicine - Research	36 tied	66 tied	2018
Fine Arts (Master)	37 tied	69 tied	2016
Earth Sciences (Geology- Doctorate)	38 tied	54 tied	2018
Political Science (Doctorate)	38 tied	65 tied	2017
Mathematics (Doctorate)	39 tied	66 tied	2018
Business MBA	39 tied	73 tied	2018
Law (JD)	39 tied	74 tied	2018
English (Doctorate)	40 tied	67 tied	2017
Biology (Doctorate)	40 tied	73 tied	2018
Economics (Doctorate)	44 tied	72 tied	2017
Chemistry (Doctorate)	44 tied	73 tied	2018
Environ./Environ. Health Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	45 tied	69 tied	2018
Electrical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	46 tied	75 tied	2018
Part-time MBA	46 tied	78 tied	2018
Chemical Engineering (Doctorate)	47 tied	72 tied	2018
Mechanical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	47 tied	75 tied	2018
Biomedical/Bioengineering (Master/Doctorate)	48 tied	84 tied	2018
Sociology (Doctorate)	51 tied	75 tied	2017
Computer Science (Doctorate)	57 tied	91 tied	2018
Physics (Doctorate)	57 tied	91 tied	2018
Statistics (Doctorate)	59 tied	89 tied	2018
School of Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	59 tied	95 tied	2018
<u>Online Programs (new)</u>			
MBA	20 tied	26 tied	2019
Nursing (Masters)	29 tied	35 tied	2019
General Education (Master)	32 tied	34 tied	2019

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2. *U.S. News and World Report*, “America’s Best Colleges,” September 2018, web site (new)

KU is among the top national public universities, say the editors of *U.S. News and World Report*. KU tied for 61<sup>st</sup> 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)	39 tied	62 tied	2018
Engineering (Bachelor)	48 tied	80 tied	2018

3. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Value Schools,” September 2018, web site (new)

KU is listed 30<sup>th</sup> among public universities as a Best Value. U.S. News compares ratio of quality to price, need-based aid, and average discount to the top half of the schools in the Best Colleges ranking categories.

4. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Colleges for Veterans,” September 2018, web site (new)

KU is tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> 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.

5. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Colleges: High School Counselor Rankings,” September 2018, web site (new)

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	36 tied	87 tied	2018

6. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Global Universities Rankings,” October 29, 2018, web site (new)

U.S. News ranked KU 266<sup>th</sup> (tie) among 1,250 ranked global universities. KU’s Pharmacology and Toxicology program ranked 74<sup>th</sup> in the world. Other categories KU ranked in the top 200 in the world - Psychiatry/Psychology 157, Arts and Humanities 167, Environment/Ecology 169, Neuroscience and Behavior 170 (tie), Social Sciences and Public Health 178 (tie), Geosciences 183 (tie).

7. 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.

8. *Association of American Medical Colleges*, “Missions Management Tool,” 2018 (new)

The University of Kansas School of Medicine is in the top 5% (95<sup>th</sup> percentile) of medical schools with full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education as of January 1, 2018 for graduates receiving an MD from 2002-03 through 2006-07 who practiced in primary care during 2016. Similarly the School of Medicine is in the top 4% (96<sup>th</sup> percentile) of medical schools for graduates practicing in rural areas during 2016.

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9. *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Hospitals 2018-19," August 2018, web site (new)

The University of Kansas Hospital ranked in 9 of the 16 adult medical and surgical specialties. The Hospital also achieved high performing ratings in five procedures or conditions. The Hospital was named the best hospital in Kansas and in the Kansas City metro area. U.S. News analyzed about 5,000 hospitals across the U.S.

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Diabetes & Endocrinology	18
Geriatrics	23
Urology	23
Cardiology & Heart Surgery	24
Neurology & Neurosurgery	31
Nephrology	39
Pulmonology	41
Cancer	42
Gastroenterology & GI Surgery	42

10. National League of Nursing, web site

The KU School of Nursing has been designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for 2017-2022. KU is one of only 15 schools or organizations to achieve NLN Center of Excellence designation in 2017 and one of 62 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."

11. Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine, "Top Entrepreneurship Schools," November 15, 2018 news release (new)

KU was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the Top Undergraduate Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2019. More than 300 schools offer entrepreneurship studies. A 60 question survey is conducted and more than 40 data points are analyzed. Entrepreneur magazine also noted all of the KU program's faculty have entrepreneurial experience and 35 startups have been launched by grads in the past 5 years, with \$123 million in funding raised by graduates.

12. *Kansas Alumni Magazine*, Issue 3, 2018; KU News release

The KU Debate team won it's 6<sup>th</sup> National Debate Tournament title in March 2018. For the past 51 years KU has qualified for the NDT, advancing to the Final Four 16 times. The KU team also won the Rex Copeland Award, given to the No. 1 team with the best regular season performance. This was the first time a KU team had won the Copeland Award.

13. *Azure Magazine*, January/February 2018 issue, KU News release

KU's School of Architecture & Design is one of 10 in the U.S. and one of 17 in the world for top programs. Cited KU strengths are the renowned Studio 804 and course development that incorporates input from international professionals. Also noted was KU's global study programs that immerse students in historical and modern architecture.

14. Aerospace Engineering Design Awards, KU News release, November 14, 2018 (new)

Aerospace engineering students keep adding top awards to an impressive winning streak: KU AE students have claimed more first, second, and third place aerospace design awards than any other university in the world. KU has 30 top-three finishes since 2014.

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15. SR Education Group, "2017 Top Graduate Programs," July 2018, web site

The KU School of Social Welfare Master in Social Work program ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the country. The KU School of Business Master of Accounting program ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the country. The rankings are based on student feedback across seven areas, including student diversity, degree satisfaction, earning potential, and quality of instruction.

16. *preLaw* magazine, Fall 2018, web site (new)

KU has been ranked #16 Best Value Law School and one of the top 20 law schools nationwide for students graduating with the least debt. Criteria includes employment, bar pass rate, student debt, tuition, and cost of living. KU has also been ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in moot court programs.

17. *The National Jurist* magazine, April 3, 2018, web site

KU's Law School ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation with the best overall bar passage rates for the Class of 2015 with 97.67% passing the bar.

18. *National Law Journal*, Annual Report on Go-To Law Schools, March 14, 2018, KU News release

KU School of Law ranked 18<sup>th</sup> among public law schools and 50<sup>th</sup> overall in percentage of new graduates hired at the 100 largest law firms in the country, 8 percent of graduates in the class of 2017 joined those firms as associates. The National Law Journal surveys the country's largest law firms about which schools produced their new class of associates.

19. KU News and School of Pharmacy news release, May 7, 2018

KU School of Pharmacy ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding. KU has been in the top ten for 23 consecutive years. KU is the only Big 12 institution in the top 10.

20. National Academy of Inventors/ Intellectual Property Owner's Association, KU News release, July 3, 2018 (new)

KU ranked 87<sup>th</sup> in the world and tied for 61<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. among universities receiving U.S. utility patents.

21. Phi Theta Kappa, February 8, 2018, KU News release

KU is one of 112 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.

22. *Military Advanced Education* magazine, "2018 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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23. Military Times, "Military Times Best: Colleges 2019," October 22, 2018, web site (new)

For the second year KU ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the 4-year college category for being the best college for military veterans. The ranking is based on an exhaustive 150 question survey submitted by 500 colleges and data from federal Education, Defense, and Veterans Affairs departments. There were five categories - university culture, academic quality and outcomes, policies, student support, and cost and financial aid.

24. Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2018 edition

The 2018 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges stated "with sound academics and 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, 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, engineering, health professions, honors program, journalism, music and social welfare. 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.

25. 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 2017 only fifty-eight institutions have won this designation.

26. Public University Honors, "Inside Honors: 2018-19 Ratings and Reviews of Fifty Public University Honors Programs," September 2018, web site (new)

The KU University Honors Program was selected as one of the top public university honors programs in 2018. KU's program was awarded a 5 out of 5 ranking; 1 of only 7 honors programs nationwide to receive a perfect score. Fifty public honors programs are evaluated on a set of 13 criteria biennially.

27. 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.

28. 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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29. *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.

30. *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.