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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 2016, web site.

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
City Management & Urban Policy (Master)	1	1	2016
Special Education (Master/Doctorate)	1	1	2016
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
Environmental Policy and Management (Master)	8 tied	13 tied	2016
School of Education (Master/Doctorate)	8 tied	15 tied	2016
Petroleum Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	12 tied	2016
Physical Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	20 tied	2016
Public Affairs (Master)	10 tied	19 tied	2016
Family Medicine (Doctorate)	11 tied	12 tied	2016
Clinical Child Psychology (Doctorate)	12 tied	16 tied	2016
Social Work (Master)	12 tied	22 tied	2016
Public Finance & Budgeting (Master)	13	16	2016
Curriculum and Instruction (Doctorate)	14 tied	20 tied	2016
Nursing-Midwifery (Master)	14 tied	24 tied	2016
Nursing-Anesthesia (DNP)	14 tied	29 tied	2016
Pharmacy (PharmD)	20	21	2016
Audiology (Doctorate)	20	24	2016
Clinical Psychology (Doctorate)	21 tied	31 tied	2016
Medicine - Primary Care	22 tied	40 tied	2016
Psychology (Doctorate)	23 tied	40 tied	2013
Healthcare Management (Master)	25 tied	42 tied	2015
History (Doctorate)	27 tied	50 tied	2013
Nursing Practice (DNP)	28 tied	42 tied	2016
Aerospace Engineering (Master)	30 tied	42 tied	2016
Nursing (Master)	31 tied	48 tied	2016
Political Science (Doctorate)	31 tied	54 tied	2013
Civil Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	33 tied	51 tied	2016
English (Doctorate)	36 tied	63 tied	2013
Law (JD)	36 tied	65 tied	2016
Medicine - Research	37 tied	69 tied	2016
Earth Sciences (Geology- Doctorate)	37 tied	54 tied	2014
Fine Arts (Master)	37 tied	69 tied	2016
Biological Sciences (Doctorate)	38 tied	68 tied	2014
Mathematics (Doctorate)	41 tied	68 tied	2014
Sociology (Doctorate)	43 tied	64 tied	2013
Chemistry (Doctorate)	44 tied	71 tied	2014
Economics (Doctorate)	45 tied	76 tied	2013
Part-time MBA	46 tied	72 tied	2016
Chemical Engineering (Doctorate)	46 tied	74 tied	2016
School of Business (MBA)	49 tied	88 tied	2016
Electrical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	51 tied	82 tied	2016
Computer Science (Doctorate)	52 tied	82 tied	2014
Physics (Doctorate)	52 tied	85 tied	2014
Mechanical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	53 tied	89 tied	2016
Environ./Environ. Health Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	55 tied	81 tied	2016
Computer Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	59 tied	91 tied	2016
School of Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	62 tied	98 tied	2016
<u>Online Programs</u>			
Nursing (Masters)	20 tied	31 tied	2016
Law - Grading by Lawyers	23 tied	50 tied	2011

School of Education, Teacher Preparation - listed in the top 50 on an alphabetical list, programs were not ranked, 2009.

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2. *U.S. News and World Report*, “America’s Best Colleges,” September 2015, web site.

KU is among the top national public universities, say the editors of *U.S. News and World Report*. KU tied for 55th out of 173 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	61 tied	2015
Engineering (Bachelor)	40 tied	70 tied	2015

3. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Colleges for Veterans,” September 2015, web site.

KU is tied for 43th 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 2015, 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	47 tied	104 tied	2015

5. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Global Universities Rankings,” October 29, 2015, web site.

U.S. News ranked KU 204th (tie) among 750 global universities. KU’s Pharmacology and Toxicology programs ranked 43rd (tie) in the world.

6. American Academy of Family Physicians, “Journal Family Medicine,” October 2015, 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 had a 3 year percentage of 19.7.

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. The Princeton Review, "The Best 295 Business Schools: 2016 Edition," web site.

The KU School of Business is described by students as one of the best business schools in the Midwest. Thousands of students nationwide were surveyed for the edition.

11. *National Jurist*, Back to School Edition, 2015, web site.

KU has been ranked 18th in the Top 20 Best Value Law Schools. Criteria includes employment, bar pass rate, student debt, tuition, and cost of living.

12. *Pre-Law* magazine, Spring 2016, web site.

KU's Law School ranked 21st in the Best Law Schools for Practical Training. Factors considered are greatest percentage of students in clinics, externships, simulation courses, and most robust moot court options.

13. The Princeton Review, "The Best 173 Law Schools: 2016 Edition," web site.

The KU School of Law is included in the Best Law Schools edition. Thousands of Law students nationwide were surveyed for the edition.

14. American Bar Association, May 2016, KU News release.

KU Law Class of 2015 ranked in the top 25 percent of all Law schools nationally in the critical areas of overall and "best jobs" employment outcomes. KU's overall employment exceeded 91 percent, while best jobs rose for a fifth consecutive year, topping 81 percent.

15. KU Today and School of Pharmacy news release, August 24, 2015.

KU School of Pharmacy ranked 2th in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding. This is the fourth time in six years KU has ranked 2nd. KU has been in the top five for 14 consecutive years. KU is the only Big 12 institution in the top 10.

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16. *Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2016 edition.*

The 2016 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 stars. KU has scored four stars in each category every year since the first edition of the guide was published in 1982.

17. The Princeton Review, *The Best 380 Colleges: 2016 Edition*, web site.

KU has been named one of the country’s best institutions for undergraduate education. The profile said KU offers “stimulating academics, a real emphasis on undergraduate teaching, and faculty willing to help in a community that is passionate about the school.” KU ranked 3rd for students packing the stadiums and 19th for the best college radio station. KU was also listed as a Green College.

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. *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.

20. Public University Press, “A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs,” 2014, web site.

The KU University Honors Program was selected as one of the 50 top public university honors programs in 2014. KU’s program was awarded a 5 out of 5 ranking; 1 of only 7 honors programs nationwide to receive a perfect score.

21. *Military Advanced Education* magazine, “2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities,” web site.

KU has been named to a select list of “military-friendly colleges and universities.” KU ranked high on military culture, flexibility, and on-campus support, and is recognized for having a long history educating veterans and military service members with many veterans services.

22. Military Times, “Best for Vets: Colleges 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.

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23. Best College Reviews, February 2016, web site.

KU's Natural History Museum ranked 4th overall and 1st among public university natural history museums. Criteria included being open to the public, number of artifacts/specimens in collections, opportunities at the museum for college students, and community involvement.

24. Corporation for National and Community Service, "President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll", March 2014, 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 eighth consecutive year on the honor roll.

25. 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.

26. *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.