



## UC campuses rank highly in multiple rankings

From U.S. News & World Report to the international Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings, the University of California scored highly in several recently released college rankings. UC does not endorse any particular set of rankings and cautions users to consider the differing methodologies employed. This summary is offered as a guide to various rankings in the news.

“The University of California is the premier public university system in the world,” said UC President Mark G. Yudof. “These rankings indicate the breadth of quality throughout the UC system.”

The next release of the widely respected National Research Council rankings of U.S. research doctorate programs is expected later this year.

### Shanghai Jiao Tong University Academic Ranking of World Universities 2008

The Institute of Higher Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China publishes rankings of universities internationally. The rankings are based on several indicators of academic or research performance, including major international awards won by alumni or staff, highly cited researchers, articles published in selected top journals and articles indexed by major citation indexes. In the 2008 rankings, seven UC campuses ranked among the top 50 in the world, public and private.

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| 3. UC Berkeley       | 36. UC Santa Barbara |
| 13. UCLA             | 46. UC Irvine        |
| 14. UC San Diego     | 48. UC Davis         |
| 18. UC San Francisco |                      |

### U.S. News & World Report America’s Best Colleges 2009

UC Berkeley remains the No. 1 public university in the country as ranked by U.S. News & World Report in the magazine’s 2009 America’s Best Colleges guide. Six UC campuses ranked among the top 15 public national universities and three UC campuses made the magazine’s “up-and-coming schools” list – UC Riverside, UC Irvine and UC San Diego. (Private institutions represented the top 20 slots in the U.S. News list of best national universities as its methodology incorporates such factors as “faculty resources,” “financial resources” and “alumni giving.”)

Campus	Rank among public universities	Rank among all research universities
UC Berkeley	1	21
UCLA	3	25
UC San Diego	7	35
UC Davis	12	44
UC Irvine	12	44
UC Santa Barbara	12	44
UC Riverside	40	89
UC Santa Cruz	45	96

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### **The Arizona State University Center for Measuring University Performance's Top American Research Universities 2007**

The Center for Measuring University Performance ranks U.S. research universities by nine measures: total research, federal research, endowment assets, annual giving, National Academy members, faculty awards, doctorates granted, postdoctoral appointees and SAT/ACT scores. In the top tier among American research universities (those in the top 25 of at least one of the nine measures), UC had six campuses (UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC San Francisco, UC San Diego, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara). Among public universities, UC Berkeley and UCLA were among seven universities to be ranked in the top 25 in all nine measures.

### **Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings 2008**

The Times Higher Education-QS World University Rankings are based on reviews by academic peers and employers, as well as data on citations per faculty, staffing levels and the proportions of international faculty and students. The 2008 global rankings include five UC campuses in the top 100: UCLA (30), UC Berkeley (36), UC San Diego (58), UC Davis (89), UC Santa Barbara (98).

### **PayScale.com College Salary Report**

PayScale, a Seattle-based firm that provides global online compensation data, measured U.S. colleges by how much their alumni earn. UC Berkeley ranked as the top public university and 12<sup>th</sup> overall in the College Salary Report. Among public colleges, UC had five campuses in the top 10 and six in the top 15: UC Berkeley (1), UCLA (3), UC San Diego (3), UC Davis (6), UC Irvine (8), UC Santa Barbara (14).

### **The Princeton Review Best 368 Colleges 2009 Edition**

The Princeton Review, a New York-based education services company also known for its test-prep courses, released its annual college guide that asked 120,000 students at 368 top colleges to rate their schools on dozens of topics and report on their experiences. The Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges included three UC campuses: UC Berkeley (5), UC San Diego (6), UC Santa Cruz (7).

### **Kaplan College Guide 2009**

Kaplan Publishing, a New York-based educational services provider, focused its 2009 college guide for the first time on environmentally responsible schools and green careers. The UC system earned a spot in Kaplan's top 10 greenest schools, calling it "a leader in green initiatives across its ten campuses."

### **Sierra magazine Green College Guide 2008**

Sierra magazine placed the University of California's 10 campuses "in a league of their own" in the Sierra Club publication's second annual green college guide. Sierra features the 10-campus UC system as a "shining star," a national environmental leader among colleges. The magazine, which ranked UC No. 4 in its initial green college guide last year, adjusted its approach this year to measure campuses as individual institutions but still wanted to recognize UC's systemwide achievements.

### **Web links**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings: [www.arwu.org/rank2008/EN2008.htm](http://www.arwu.org/rank2008/EN2008.htm)

U.S. News: <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college>

The Center for Measuring University Performance: <http://mup.asu.edu/research2007.pdf>

Times Higher Education-QS rankings: [www.topuniversities.com](http://www.topuniversities.com)

PayScale.com: [www.payscale.com/best-colleges](http://www.payscale.com/best-colleges)

The Princeton Review: [www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx](http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx)

Kaplan: [www.kaptest.com/oneoff/colleguide.jhtml](http://www.kaptest.com/oneoff/colleguide.jhtml)

Sierra: [www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200809/coolschools](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200809/coolschools)