The University of California in national and international rankings

Washington Monthly
Washington Monthly ranks “National universities—four-year institutions that award a significant number of doctoral degrees—based on their contribution to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research, and promoting public service.” Five UC campuses placed in the top 20 and all placed in the top 100 out of 395 ranked institutions.

2019 Washington Monthly
San Diego 7
Davis 11
UCLA 12
Irvine 18
Berkeley 20
Santa Barbara 21
Riverside 27
Merced 53
Santa Cruz 86

Money Magazine
Money Magazine ranks high-value colleges based on institutions’ educational quality, affordability, and outcomes. In the 2019 ranking, four UC campuses placed in the top 10 and eight in the top 100, out of 744 ranked four-year institutions.

2019 Money Magazine
Irvine 1
UCLA 4
Davis 5
San Diego 9
Berkeley 11
Riverside 12
Santa Barbara 30
Santa Cruz 103

U.S. News and World Report
The U.S. News and World Report (USNWR) 2020 university rankings aim to measure institutions on undergraduate academic quality. The categories used are: expert opinion, outcomes, faculty resources, financial resources, student excellence, and alumni giving. In 2020, the rankings discontinued the use of high school counselor opinions and incorporated regional price variations as part of ranking faculty salaries. The number of schools in the national category also grew by about 25% due to changes in the Carnegie classification methodology.

2020 U.S. News & World Report

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In USNWR’s ranking of economic diversity among the top 25 national universities, UCLA and Berkeley were ranked first and second, respectively. In its ranking of top national performers on social mobility, UC campuses took the top three spots: Riverside (1), Santa Cruz (2), Irvine (3); others followed closely: Merced (7), Davis and Santa Barbara (9--tied), UCLA (13), San Diego (21); and Berkeley at 70.
Academic Ranking of World Universities

The Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) evaluates the quality of education based on alumni winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, quality of faculty based on similar awards and research citations, research output based on papers in Nature and Science and Science and Social Science citations, and per capita academic performance. Eight of the UC campuses placed in the top 100 out of the 1,000 universities ranked.

Times Higher Education

The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings evaluate universities based on teaching, research, citations, industry income, and international outlook. Six UC campuses placed in the top 100 out of 1,258 universities that were ranked.

U.S. News & World Report (Global)

In addition to its national rankings, the U.S. News and World Report ranks the top universities in the world based on institutions’ academic research performance and their global and regional reputations. Eight UC campuses placed in the top 100 out of 1,250 ranked institutions.

Note: UC San Francisco is often not ranked because it is an exclusively graduate institution.