



What They're Saying About Rice

Rice University is considered one of the nation's premier institutions of higher education. Here's why:

Fast Facts

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall and for Hispanic students
- Ranked among world's top 50 universities
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- Top Carnegie classifications for "very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program"
- No. 1 in materials science research
- No. 1 best quality of student life
- No. 4 best value among private universities
- No. 10 for great financial aid
- No. 10 total number of National Science Foundation graduate fellows
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- 72 percent of freshmen graduated top 5 percent of high school class
- Less than 6:1 student/faculty ratio, with median class size of 15
- Students from 88 countries and all 50 U.S. states
- 16 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Undergraduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among top 20 national universities (every year since the rankings began in 1983)

Princeton Review

- No. 1 best quality of student life (2010 and 2011)
- No. 10 for great financial aid (2011)

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- A "Best Buy School" (2010 edition)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

- No. 4 best value among private universities (2010)

Forbes.com/Center for College Affordability & Productivity

- Ranked among top 25 of America's Best Colleges (2010)

Graduate Education

National Science Foundation

- No. 10 total number of NSF graduate fellows (2008)

U.S. News & World Report

- Among top 10 for biomedical/bioengineering specialty; No. 9 for atomic/molecular/optical specialty; No. 9 for computer programming language specialty in computer science (2009)

Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Education

- One of the nation's largest providers of professional development for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate teachers
- More than 12,000 enrollees in credit and noncredit courses a year

Research

Carnegie Foundation (2011)

- Top classifications for "Very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program"

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- The most productive research university in Texas (2008)
- Among top 10 research universities in the country (2008)

Patent Scorecard

- No. 1 Most Impactful Patent Portfolio among American research universities (2008)

School of Architecture

Design Intelligence

- No. 3 undergraduate architecture program (2010)
- Among top 20 graduate architecture programs (2009)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

U.S. News & World Report

- Among top 10 departments in biomedical/biomedical engineering (2008, 2009) and bioengineering (2010)
- Among top 20 departments in computer programming and computer science (2010), environmental engineering/environmental health (2008), computer engineering (2007, 2008) and chemical engineering (2007, 2008)

Princeton Review

- Among top 50 undergraduate computer game design programs (2010)

Times Higher Education

- No. 1 worldwide in materials science research (2010)

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- No. 1 program in computer science (2008)
- No. 10 program in computational science (2008)

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

The Economist

- No. 1 MBA program in Texas and the Southwest (2010)

Princeton Review

- Among top 15 for finance and accounting in Student Opinion Honors (2010)

Financial Times

- Among full-time MBA programs No. 4 on "Best in Finance" list (2010), No. 9 on "Best in Accountancy" list (2010) and No. 21 overall in U.S. (2011)

Business Week

- No. 8 Professional MBA program (2009)

The Shepherd School of Music

- The only college selected for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Conservatory Project six years in a row
- One of the top orchestral training programs in the country, with alumni in the New York Philharmonic; the Cleveland Orchestra; the Boston, Chicago and San Francisco symphonies; and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City.

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- Among top 10 undergraduate music programs (2010)

School of Humanities

Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index (Academic Analytics)

- No. 5 graduate program in religious studies (2008)
- No. 9 program in history (2008)

School of Social Sciences

U.S. News & World Report

- Department of Political Science ranked among top 20 best graduate schools in international relations (2005)

Political Science Association

- Department of Political Science ranked No. 19 in scholarly impact (per faculty) (2004)

The Journal of Economic Literature

- Department of Economics ranked No. 6 in public economics and No. 19 in mathematical and quantitative economics (2008)

American Psychology Association

- Department of Psychology ranked No. 3 in productivity and No. 11 overall for industrial–organizational programs (2004)

Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Nobel Prize

- Nobel Prize winners in chemistry (1996): Richard Smalley and Robert Curl

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 9 in atomic, molecular, optical physics (2008)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania

- No. 16 among university-based think tanks in the world (2010)
- No. 27 among all think tanks in the U.S. (2010)

Domestic and Foreign Policy Research Institute

- Ranked as a top 40 think tank in the U.S. (2008–10)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Helped launch more than 250 technology companies, more than 40 based on Rice University technology
- Home to world's richest and largest business plan competition with more than \$1 million awarded in 2010

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 6 graduate entrepreneur program in U.S. (2010)

Academics

Students

- 72 percent graduated in top 5 percent of high school class
- 21 percent National Merit, National Achievement or National Hispanic scholars
- No. 1 for the percentage of students receiving National Science Foundation fellowships
- Undergraduate student/faculty ratio: less than 6:1
- Median class size: 15 students

Miscellaneous

Princeton Review's Best 373 Colleges guide (2011)

- No. 2 for Lots of Race/Class Interaction between students of different backgrounds
- No. 10 for Great Financial Aid and for Happiest Students

Kaplan/Newsweek Finding the Right College for You guide (2011)

- No. 10 for Most Desirable Urban Schools
- No. 25 for Most Desirable Colleges Overall

Hispanic Magazine

- Selected as one of top 20 colleges and universities for Hispanic students

Athletics

2009–10 Highlights

- No. 1 academic ranking of C-USA teams by U.S. News & World Report
- Baseball, men's tennis, volleyball and golf berths in NCAA postseason play
- Baseball's 16th consecutive NCAA berth, one of only four teams to do so
- Men's tennis in eighth consecutive NCAA tournament
- Baseball, volleyball and men's tennis win C-USA team championships
- Anthony Rendon, Baseball America National College Baseball Player of the Year and winner of Dick Howser Award, College Baseball Writer's Player of the Year award
- Rendon and Bruno Rosa (men's tennis), C-USA Player of the Year honors
- Meredith Shamun, National Volleyball Setter of the Year
- Christopher Brown, Rice's first medalist in conference golf competition since 1989
- Six Owls earn Academic All America honors, and a record four (John Berens, Jessie Boulavsky, Erin Scott and Katelyn Ostendof) earned NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships
- A record 227 student–athletes on the 2009–10 C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Women's swimming has highest GPA among any NCAA Division I swimming program — men's or woman's.