UC Irvine is ranked among nation’s top 10 public universities for 10th year in a row

Campus also rates highly for social mobility of its graduating students.
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Students walk over Humanities Bridge on the first day of winter quarter 2024.

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Irvine, Calif., Sept. 24, 2024 — The University of California, Irvine has been ranked ninth among the nation's public universities – and 33rd overall – on *U.S. News & World Report*'s 2024-25 list of "Best Colleges," released today. This is the 10 th consecutive year in which UC Irvine has placed in the top 10.

The *U.S. News & World Report* rankings – now in their 40th year – assess the country's bachelor's degree-granting institutions on more than a dozen measures of academic quality.

"We are all very pleased that *U.S. News & World Report* has once again recognized the distinguished excellence of our teaching, research and public service," said UC Irvine Chancellor Howard Gillman. "Being in the top 10 is especially gratifying in light of our commitment to inclusive excellence and educating our state's best and most talented students regardless of their financial circumstances."

The overall ranking of 33rd is the highest ever for UC Irvine, matching its placement in 2019 and last year.

In addition, UC Irvine once again ranked No. 9 overall in the subcategory of social mobility, which appraises institutions that enroll and graduate large proportions of students awarded federal Pell Grants – given to undergraduates who display exceptional financial need. Historically, the campus is among the best in the U.S. for the graduation rate of its Pell Grant recipients. In 2024, 3,736 earned bachelor's degrees.

UC Irvine was also lauded for supporting its students who served in the military, coming in 16th nationally for best college for veterans.

U.S. News & World Report also evaluated several undergraduate programs. Overall, UC Irvine came in:

- 22nd for psychology
- 25th for computer science
- 26th for nursing
- 27th for business
- 35th for engineering
- 43rd for economics

Available online at www.usnews.com/colleges, these results come on the heels of UC Irvine achieving remarkable rankings from other respected journals. The home of the Anteater has been recognized as the fifth-best-value public university by *The Princeton Review* and has received the maximum of five stars from *Money* magazine.

And that's not all. UC Irvine has been ranked 10th among public universities and 39 th overall by *Forbes. The Wall Street Journal* recently put UC Irvine at 31st overall in its nationwide survey – and 13th among public universities. It is also celebrated by *Niche* as the top Hispanic-Serving Institution in the country, the eighth-best public university overall, and the No. 4 college campus in America.

About UC Irvine's Brilliant Future campaign: Publicly launched on Oct. 4, 2019, the Brilliant Future campaign aims to raise awareness and support for UC Irvine. By engaging 75,000 alumni and garnering $2 billion in philanthropic investment, UC Irvine seeks to reach new heights of excellence in student success, health and wellness, research and more. Learn more by visiting https://brilliantfuture.uci.edu.

About the University of California, Irvine: Founded in 1965, UC Irvine is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities and is ranked among the nation's top 10 public universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. The campus has produced five Nobel laureates and is known for its academic achievement, premier research, innovation and anteater mascot. Led by Chancellor Howard Gillman, UC Irvine has more than 36,000 students and offers 224 degree programs. It's located in one of the world's safest and most economically vibrant communities and is Orange County's second-largest employer, contributing $7 billion annually to the local economy and $8 billion statewide. For more on UC Irvine, visit www.uci.edu.

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