

[Tulane rises to 39th spot in latest U.S. News Best Colleges rankings](#)

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Tulane University rose to No. 39 in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings — its highest placement in more than 16 years. Photo by Sally Asher.

Tulane University rose to No. 39 in the 2017 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges rankings released today. The university was No. 41 in 2016 and in 2015 was ranked 54.

The 39th ranking, the highest Tulane has received in more than 16 years, was announced just two weeks after Tulane began the 2016-17 academic year by welcoming its largest, most academically qualified and selective first-year class ever.

In addition to its overall ranking among the best universities in the nation, Tulane's undergraduate program at the [A. B. Freeman School of Business](#) was ranked No. 48. Tulane was also ranked No. 23 among best colleges for veterans and No. 42 among best universities by high school counselors. Tulane was one of only 27 institutions nationwide to be recognized in this year's rankings as having a stellar program in the area of service learning.

"Tulane students have the opportunity to study across fields of knowledge and in disciplines seemingly unrelated to their majors, but essential to understanding the world and becoming a leader in it. This has helped us build on Tulane's tradition of academic excellence, expand our research and capitalize on our location in one of the world's most interesting cities. As a result we are increasingly becoming the choice of the nation's top students," said Tulane's Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Institutional Effectiveness Richard Matasar.

Matasar said the popular rankings, which *The Washington Post* has called "...the granddaddy of college rankings," are one indication of Tulane's success in adopting a multidisciplinary approach in learning, teaching, research and public service.

"We are pleased by this national recognition and the spotlight it shines on the innovative and inspired teaching, learning and discovery happening at Tulane University, " Tulane President Mike Fitts said.

The Best Colleges rankings can be viewed at www.usnews.com/colleges and the full rankings, including departmental and specialty rankings, can be viewed at [U.S. News College Compass](#).

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