

# California—AcademicInfluence.com Ranks the State’s Best Colleges & Universities for 2021

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, USA, March 22, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With so many excellent colleges and universities to choose from in California, the challenge for prospective students isn't selecting just any school but choosing the right school from among the state's very best institutions.

AcademicInfluence.com announces the release of its series "The Best Colleges & Universities in the USA," which ranks every state's schools in multiple categories. The top higher education institutions in California are ranked here:

## [California's Best Colleges & Universities of 2021](#)

California's page includes breakdown rankings and links in the following categories:

- 30 Research Universities
- 65 Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities
- 97 Graduate Schools
- 46 Public Colleges & Universities
- 67 Private Colleges & Universities
- 37 Christian Colleges & Universities
- 51 Small Colleges & Universities (fewer than 5,000 students)
- 22 Affordable Colleges (below national average of \$16k/yr)
- 96 Community Colleges

Attending an in-state college or university remains a major priority for many students. The tuition benefit students receive from attending a school in their state can be the deciding factor in pursuing a college degree. A local school within driving distance can also make a major difference in the cost, saving commuters money by providing an alternative to the costlier on-

A graphic with an orange and white background. On the left, the text "CALIFORNIA'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021" is written in white on an orange background. On the right, there is a circular image of a large, multi-story university building with a central courtyard and a fountain. A small logo is visible in the top left corner of the graphic.

What are the top colleges and universities in California? See where AcademicInfluence.com ranks them in a variety of categories...

campus, residential experience.

What are some of the top California colleges and universities overall?

- California Institute of Technology (Pasadena, California)
- Claremont McKenna College (Claremont)
- Golden Gate University (San Francisco)
- Harvey Mudd College (Claremont)
- Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles)
- Mills College (Oakland)
- Occidental College (Los Angeles)
- Pepperdine University (Malibu)
- Pitzer College (Claremont)
- Pomona College (Claremont)
- Santa Clara University (Santa Clara)
- Scripps College (Claremont)
- Stanford University (Stanford)
- University of California, Berkeley (Berkeley)
- University of California, Davis (Davis)
- University of California, Irvine (Irvine)
- University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
- University of California, Merced (Merced)
- University of California, Riverside (Riverside)
- University of California, San Diego (La Jolla)
- University of California, Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara)
- University of California, Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz)
- University of Redlands (Redlands)
- University of Southern California (Los Angeles)
- Whittier College (Whittier)

Visit the link above to see where these schools place in each ranking, along with additional details about each and rankings of all other California colleges and universities. For those students with specific needs and who want greater customization, AcademicInfluence.com's rankings provide greater detail through 26 customizable filters available using [Custom College Rankings for California](#).

"We believe that students today want more than a degree—they want a college experience that meets their personal needs," says Dr. Jed Macosko, academic director of AcademicInfluence.com and professor of physics at Wake Forest University.

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