

# Pennsylvania—AcademicInfluence.com Ranks the State's Best Colleges & Universities for 2021

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, USA, April 1, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With so many excellent colleges and universities to choose from in Pennsylvania, 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 Pennsylvania are ranked here:

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

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

- 18 Research Universities
- 97 Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities
- 35 Graduate Schools
- 41 Public Colleges & Universities
- 76 Private Colleges & Universities
- 45 Christian Colleges & Universities
- 92 Small Colleges & Universities (fewer than 5,000 students)
- 37 Affordable Colleges (below national average of \$16k/yr)
- 21 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



The graphic features a blue and grey background. On the right, there is a circular inset image of a large, multi-story brick building with a central tower, likely a university building, set against a clear blue sky and green lawn. To the left of the image, the text reads: "PENNSYLVANIA'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021". Below the image, there is a short paragraph: "What are the top colleges and universities in Pennsylvania? See where AcademicInfluence.com ranks them in a variety of categories..."

difference in the cost, saving commuters money by providing an alternative to the costlier on-campus, residential experience.

What are the top Pennsylvania colleges and universities overall?

- Allegheny College (Meadville, Pennsylvania)
- Bryn Mawr College (Bryn Mawr)
- Bucknell University (Lewisburg)
- Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh)
- Dickinson College (Carlisle)
- Drexel University (Philadelphia)
- Elizabethtown College (Elizabethtown)
- Franklin & Marshall College (Lancaster)
- Gettysburg College (Gettysburg)
- Haverford College (Haverford)
- Lafayette College (Easton)
- Lehigh University (Bethlehem)
- Pennsylvania State University (University Park)
- Saint Francis University (Loretto)
- Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove)
- Swarthmore College (Swarthmore)
- Temple University (Philadelphia)
- Thomas Jefferson University (Philadelphia)
- University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia)
- University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
- Ursinus College (Collegeville)
- Villanova University (Villanova)
- Washington & Jefferson College (Washington)
- Westminster College (New Wilmington)
- Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre)

Baseline eligibility for consideration: four-year undergraduate degree offerings, full accreditation, and a minimum graduation rate of 50%, with the top 25 schools having graduation rates greater than 60%.

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

"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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