

AcademicInfluence.com Ranks the Best Colleges & Universities in California for 2022

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EINPresswire.com/ -- The top colleges & universities in California get an updated ranking for 2022 in the AcademicInfluence.com series "The Best Colleges & Universities in the USA." The updated series includes rankings that cover multiple categories of higher education institutions in the state of California.

[Best Colleges & Universities in California for 2022](#)

Students can access a number of category rankings of California colleges & universities to fit their needs:

- 29 Research Universities
- 84 Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities
- 97 Graduate Schools
- 47 Public Colleges & Universities
- 66 Private Colleges & Universities
- 32 Christian Colleges & Universities
- 51 Small Colleges & Universities (fewer than 5,000 students)
- 59 Affordable Colleges (below national average of \$16k/yr)
- 98 Community Colleges
- 35 Online Colleges

For many students, attending an in-state college or university continues to provide tuition benefits. The cost advantages they receive from attending a school in their state may be the deciding factor in pursuing a college degree. The convenience of a school within driving distance also factors into costs by providing locals with commuting as an alternative to expensive on-campus housing.

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, USA, taken from a low angle looking across the water. The bridge's orange-red towers and suspension cables are prominent against a clear blue sky. The city skyline is visible in the distance across the water.A small logo for AcademicInfluence.com, consisting of a white letter 'A' inside a blue square.

BEST COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA 2022

What are the top colleges and universities in California? See where AcademicInfluence.com ranks them in a variety of categories... (Image Credit: Golden Gate, San Francisco, California, USA, by MasterLu, Canva Pro License)

“Students today want more value from their college choices, which is why choosing an in-state education continues to be attractive. Rising costs are a staple of daily news stories. We want to shift the focus off expensive out-of-state schools and onto the best in-state schools each state has to offer its students,” says Dr. Jed Macosko, academic director of AcademicInfluence.com and professor of physics at Wake Forest University.

Which colleges & universities in California rank among the best overall?

(Listed alphabetically)

- California Institute of Technology (Pasadena)
- California State University, Fresno (Fresno)
- California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton)
- California State University, Long Beach (Long Beach)
- California State University, Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
- California State University, Northridge (Northridge)
- Chapman University (Orange)
- Claremont McKenna College (Claremont)
- Harvey Mudd College (Claremont)
- Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles)
- Occidental College (Los Angeles)
- Pepperdine University (Malibu)
- Pomona College (Claremont)
- San Diego State University (San Diego)
- San Francisco State University (San Francisco)
- San Jose State University (San Jose)
- Santa Clara University (Santa Clara)
- 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, 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 San Diego (San Diego)
- University of San Francisco (San Francisco)
- University of Southern California (Los Angeles)
- University of the Pacific (Stockton)

Baseline eligibility for selection: four-year undergraduate degree offerings and full accreditation. Visit the link above to see where these schools rank, along with additional details about each school, as well as rankings of all other California colleges & universities.

In addition to comprehensive California rankings, AcademicInfluence.com also provides students with updated U.S. rankings for colleges & universities:

[The 50 Best Universities in the United States for 2022](#)

For even greater customization, students can filter results to meet 24 personalized criteria through the [Custom College Rankings at the AcademicInfluence.com site](#).

Why do the rankings from AcademicInfluence.com outperform those from other ranking sites? The proprietary InfluenceRanking™ Engine—innovative machine-learning technology that measures a school's influence through its students, faculty, staff, and alumni. By analyzing massive data sources such as Wikipedia, Crossref, and Semantic Scholar, the InfluenceRanking Engine creates a map of academic influence that provides students with reliable ranking results. See the AcademicInfluence.com About page for further details on the unique capabilities and advantages of this advanced technology.

“At a time when college rankings are under increasing scrutiny, AcademicInfluence.com stands behind our tech-driven rankings. Unlike some ranking sites, we’re not dependent on older, more subjective, and more game-able processes. We’ve pioneered better rankings for a better education,” says Macosko. “Not only will students find our rankings superior, but they’ll also benefit from our many helpful guides and our college selection tools. This collection of best-in-class resources is why students from around the world come to AcademicInfluence.com to find answers to their college-search questions.”

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