

**TABLE 1-140**  
**HOW THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS RATES**

The following is a list of guides that rate the University of Kansas.

1. *U.S. News and World Report*, "America's Best Graduate Schools," March 2019, web site

**NOTE: business, education, engineering, law, nursing, and medicine rankings are based on statistical data measuring quality of faculty, research, and students, and on reputation surveys. All other graduate programs and specialty area rankings are based on reputation surveys which were sent to academics and professionals in the disciplines being ranked.**

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
<b>Local Government Management (MPA)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Special Education (Master/Doctorate)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2019</b>
Occupational Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	4 tied	9 tied	2016
Speech-Language-Pathology (Master)	5 tied	7 tied	2016
Public Management and Leadership (MPA)	5 tied	10 tied	2019
Public Affairs (MPA)	8 tied	14 tied	2019
Petroleum Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	12 tied	2019
Urban Planning and Policy (MPA)	9 tied	17 tied	2019
School of Education (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	18 tied	2019
Physical Therapy (Master/Doctorate)	9 tied	20 tied	2016
Family Medicine (MD)	10	11	2019
Clinical Child Psychology (Doctorate)	12 tied	16 tied	2016
Nursing-Midwifery (Master)	14 tied	24 tied	2016
Nursing-Anesthesia (DNP)	14 tied	29 tied	2016
Dispute Resolution (JD)	16 tied	35 tied	2019
Curriculum and Instruction (Doctorate)	19 tied	23 tied	2019
Pharmacy (PharmD)	20	21	2016
Audiology (Doctorate)	20	24	2016
History (Doctorate)	20 tied	41 tied	2017
Public Finance & Budgeting (MPA)	21	26	2019
Clinical Psychology (Doctorate)	21 tied	31 tied	2016
Social Work (Master)	22 tied	36 tied	2019
Trial Advocacy (JD)	25 tied	60 tied	2019
Medicine - Primary Care (MD)	26	41 tied	2019
Aerospace Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	29 tied	45 tied	2019
Psychology (Doctorate)	30 tied	50 tied	2017
Healthcare Management (Master)	32 tied	51 tied	2019
Environmental Law (JD)	34 tied	65 tied	2019
Law (JD)	35 tied	67 tied	2019
Medicine - Research	36 tied	67 tied	2019
Fine Arts (Master)	37 tied	69 tied	2016
Earth Sciences (Geology- Doctorate)	38 tied	54 tied	2018
Political Science (Doctorate)	38 tied	65 tied	2017
Part-time MBA	38 tied	65 tied	2019
Intellectual Property Law (JD)	38 tied	82 tied	2019
Mathematics (Doctorate)	39 tied	66 tied	2018
English (Doctorate)	40 tied	67 tied	2017
Biology (Doctorate)	40 tied	73 tied	2018
International Law (JD)	41 tied	91 tied	2019
Tax Law (JD)	42 tied	86 tied	2019
Environ./Environ. Health Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	43 tied	67 tied	2019
Legal Writing (JD)	43 tied	94 tied	2019
Clinical Training (JD)	43 tied	98 tied	2019
Economics (Doctorate)	44 tied	72 tied	2017
Chemistry (Doctorate)	44 tied	73 tied	2018
Civil Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	45 tied	65 tied	2019
Electrical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	45 tied	72 tied	2019
Chemical Engineering (Doctorate)	50 tied	75 tied	2019
Sociology (Doctorate)	51 tied	75 tied	2017
Business MBA	53 tied	93 tied	2019

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	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
Mechanical Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	54 tied	87 tied	2019
Biomedical/Bioengineering (Master/Doctorate)	55 tied	93 tied	2019
Computer Science (Doctorate)	57 tied	91 tied	2018
Physics (Doctorate)	57 tied	91 tied	2018
Statistics (Doctorate)	59 tied	89 tied	2018
School of Engineering (Master/Doctorate)	59 tied	95 tied	2019
Public Health	69 tied	102 tied	2019
 <b><u>Online Programs (new)</u></b>			
MBA	20 tied	26 tied	2019
Nursing (Masters)	29 tied	35 tied	2019
General Education (Master)	32 tied	34 tied	2019

2. *U.S. News and World Report*, "America's Best Colleges," September 2018, web site

KU is among the top national public universities, say the editors of *U.S. News and World Report*. KU tied for 61<sup>st</sup> out of 189 national public universities. The magazine used academic reputation, retention and graduation rates, and other criteria to determine the rankings of the undergraduate education offered at the nation's great institutions. The following list contains the KU undergraduate programs (level) that have been ranked:

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
Business (Bachelor)	39 tied	62 tied	2018
Engineering (Bachelor)	48 tied	80 tied	2018

3. *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Value Schools," September 2018, web site

KU is listed 30<sup>th</sup> among public universities as a Best Value. U.S. News compares ratio of quality to price, need-based aid, and average discount to the top half of the schools in the Best Colleges ranking categories.

4. *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Colleges for Veterans," September 2018, web site

KU is tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> among all public universities as a Best College for Veterans. Only ranked national universities in the US News "Best Colleges" that met criteria benefitting veterans are included. The institution had to be certified for the GI Bill and participating in the Yellow Ribbon program.

5. *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Colleges: High School Counselor Rankings," September 2018, web site

U.S. News asked high school counselors of "America's Best High Schools" rankings to rate the colleges they think offer the best undergraduate education to their students. The following is how KU ranked (3 year average):

	<u>Public</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Year</u>
High School Counselor Rankings	36 tied	87 tied	2018

6. *U.S. News and World Report*, "Best Global Universities Rankings," October 29, 2018, web site

U.S. News ranked KU 266<sup>th</sup> (tie) among 1,250 ranked global universities. KU's Pharmacology and Toxicology program ranked 74<sup>th</sup> in the world. Other categories KU ranked in the top 200 in the world - Psychiatry/Psychology 157, Arts and Humanities 167, Environment/Ecology 169, Neuroscience and Behavior 170 (tie), Social Sciences and Public Health 178 (tie), Geosciences 183 (tie).

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7. *Association of American Medical Colleges*, “Missions Management Tool,” 2018

The University of Kansas School of Medicine is in the top 5% (95<sup>th</sup> percentile) of medical schools with full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education as of January 1, 2018 for graduates receiving an MD from 2002-03 through 2006-07 who practiced in primary care during 2016. Similarly the School of Medicine is in the top 4% (96<sup>th</sup> percentile) of medical schools for graduates practicing in rural areas during 2016 and 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of family medicine physicians.

8. *U.S. News and World Report*, “Best Hospitals 2019-20,” August 2019, web site

The University of Kansas Hospital ranked in 8 of the adult medical and surgical specialties. The Hospital also achieved high performing ratings in three adult specialties and six procedures or conditions. The Hospital was named the best hospital in Kansas and in the Kansas City metro area. U.S. News analyzed about 5,000 hospitals across the U.S.

<u>Specialty</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Urology	19
Geriatrics	26
Neurology & Neurosurgery	27
Ear, Nose, & Throat	32
Nephrology	33
Cancer	47
Diabetes & Endocrinology	49
Pulmonology & Lung Surgery	49

9. National League of Nursing, web site

The KU School of Nursing has been designated a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for 2017-2022. KU is one of only 15 schools or organizations to achieve NLN Center of Excellence designation in 2017 and one of 62 in the country to currently hold the designation. The designation was granted for demonstrating sustained, evidence-based and substantive innovation in the category of “Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development.”

10. Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine, “Top Entrepreneurship Schools,” November 15, 2018 news release

KU was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the Top Undergraduate Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2019. More than 300 schools offer entrepreneurship studies. A 60 question survey is conducted and more than 40 data points are analyzed. Entrepreneur magazine also noted all of the KU program’s faculty have entrepreneurial experience and 35 startups have been launched by grads in the past 5 years, with \$123 million in funding raised by graduates.

11. *Downbeat* Student Music Awards, KU News release, April 23, 2019

KU Jazz Ensemble I was named the best graduate college large jazz ensemble in the country.

12. National Student Show Conference, April 5, 2019

KU Design received the Best School award at the 2019 National Student Show Conference. KU dominated the “Best of” categories.

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**HOW THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS RATES**13. *Azure Magazine*, January/February 2018 issue, KU News release

KU's School of Architecture & Design is one of 10 in the U.S. and one of 17 in the world for top programs. Cited KU strengths are the renowned Studio 804 and course development that incorporates input from international professionals. Also noted was KU's global study programs that immerse students in historical and modern architecture.

## 14. Aerospace Engineering Design Awards, KU News release, November 14, 2018

Aerospace engineering students keep adding top awards to an impressive winning streak: KU AE students have claimed more first, second, and third place aerospace design awards than any other university in the world. KU has 30 top-three finishes since 2014.

15. *preLaw* magazine, Fall 2018, web site

KU has been ranked #16 Best Value Law School and one of the top 20 law schools nationwide for students graduating with the least debt. Criteria includes employment, bar pass rate, student debt, tuition, and cost of living. KU has also been ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in moot court programs.

16. *The National Jurist* magazine, April 3, 2018, web site

KU's Law School ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation with the best overall bar passage rates for the Class of 2015 with 97.67% passing the bar.

## 17. School of Pharmacy, Spring 2019

KU School of Pharmacy ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in National Institutes of Health funding. KU has been in the top ten for 24 consecutive years. KU is the only Big 12 institution in the top 10.

## 18. QS World University Rankings by Subject, February 2019

KU ranked in the top 100 in the world in Pharmacy and Pharmacology. KU ranked in the top 200 in the world in Education and Psychology.

## 19. Phi Theta Kappa, March 27, 2019 web site

KU is one of 78 colleges and universities named to Phi Theta Kappa's 2019 Transfer Honor Roll, which identifies the top four-year colleges and universities for creating dynamic pathways to support community college transfer. Honor roll members are selected based on 1) institution partnerships and community college collaboration; 2) pre-transfer institutional support; 3) post-transfer student engagement and support; 4) community college data tracking and institutional priorities; 5) transfer innovations such as the one degree partnership program KU developed with Johnson County Community College. The program allows students to be fully admitted at both institutions at the same time.

20. *Military Advanced Education* magazine, "2018 Guide to Colleges and Universities," web site

KU has been named a top school. KU ranked high on military culture, general support, online support, on-campus support, and is recognized for having a long history educating veterans and military service members with many veterans services.

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21. Military Times, "Military Times Best: Colleges 2019," October 22, 2018, web site

For the second year KU ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the 4-year college category for being the best college for military veterans. The ranking is based on an exhaustive 150 question survey submitted by 500 colleges and data from federal Education, Defense, and Veterans Affairs departments. There were five categories - university culture, academic quality and outcomes, policies, student support, and cost and financial aid.

22. *Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2020 edition*

The 2020 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges stated "with sound academics and extracurricular programs, winning athletics, and a stellar social life, the University of Kansas has a bounty of opportunities for motivated Jayhawks. Comprehensive study abroad programs, a distinctive Honors program, and a robust sense of school spirit are just some of the reasons students choose to be Jayhawks." With over 50 nationally ranked academic programs, Kansas' reputation continues to grow. Several programs are cited: architecture, business, design, education, engineering, health professions, honors program, journalism, and social welfare. Each year Fiske ranks academics, social life, and quality of university life on a scale of one to five. KU has scored a four in each category every year since the first edition of the guide was published in 1982.

23. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, web site

KU has been named to the 2015 class of Innovation & Economic Prosperity Universities. The designation acknowledges universities working with public and private sector partners in their states and regions to support economic development through a variety of activities, including innovation and entrepreneurship, technology transfer, talent and workforce development, and community development. The APLU designation is valid for 10 years. Through 2018 only sixty-three institutions have won this designation.

24. Public University Honors, "Inside Honors: 2018-19 Ratings and Reviews of Fifty Public University Honors Programs," September 2018, web site

The KU University Honors Program was selected as one of the top public university honors programs in 2018. KU's program was awarded a 5 out of 5 ranking; 1 of only 7 honors programs nationwide to receive a perfect score. Fifty public honors programs are evaluated on a set of 13 criteria biennially.

25. Corporation for National and Community Service, "President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll", September 21, 2016, web site

KU has been named to the honor roll. The honor roll is the highest federal recognition of a university's commitment to service learning, volunteering and civic engagement. This is KU's ninth consecutive year on the honor roll.

26. Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 2015 Community Engagement Classification, web site

KU has been recognized for its outstanding commitment to and involvement with the community by being selected as one of 361 institutions for the Community Engagement Classification. Community engagement describes collaboration between higher education institutions and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity. To be selected, KU had to provide examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement that showed alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

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27. *Choosing the Right College 2014-15; The Inside Scoop on Elite Schools and Outstanding Lesser Known Institutions*, August 2013

KU is listed as one of the Blue Collar Ivies, where students can get an elite education on a shoestring. KU's Honors program, Study Abroad, plentiful foreign language offerings, and Center for Teaching Excellence are sited. KU is the only school from Kansas listed in the book.

28. *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions That Matter*, written by George D. Kuh, Jillian Kinzie, John H. Schuh, and Elizabeth J. Whitt. Based on the 2004 report called Project DEEP, or Documenting Effective Educational Practice from the Center for Postsecondary Research, revised and updated in 2010.

KU is featured as one of 20 universities and colleges nationwide that creates an effective learning environment for students to succeed in their college careers. KU is praised for excelling in five main areas: instruction, service, research, internationalism and humanitarian values. The book also highlights KU's "students come first" attitude in campus life. Over the past decade, the university has "emphasized high-quality undergraduate instruction, the product of deliberate effort to balance its research and teaching missions." The focus on teaching extends to the highest levels of the university's administration, where executive-level administrators teach at least one class each year.