



What They're Saying About Rice

Rice University is considered one of the nation's premier institutions of higher education. Here's why:

Fast Facts

- Consistently ranked among top 20 universities in U.S. overall and for Hispanic students
- Ranked among world's top 100 universities
- One of only three Tier One universities in Texas
- Top Carnegie classifications for "very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program"
- No. 1 worldwide in materials science research
- No. 1 best quality of student life three years in a row
- No. 1 happiest students
- No. 4 best value among private universities
- Two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry
- Two active faculty winners of National Medal of Science
- 77 percent of freshmen graduated top 5 percent of high school class
- 6:1 student-faculty ratio, with median class size of 13
- 3,708 undergraduate and 2,374 graduate students from 82 countries, 49 U.S. states and two U.S. territories
- 17 consecutive years of NCAA conference championship athletic teams

Undergraduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- Ranked among top 20 national universities (every year since the rankings began in 1983)

Princeton Review

- No. 1 best quality of student life (2010, 2011 and 2012)
- No. 1 happiest students (2012)
- No. 5 best value among private universities (2012)
- No. 5 "school runs like butter" (2012)
- No. 5 "town and gown relations" (2012)
- No. 6 lots of race/class interaction (2012)
- No. 8 best athletic facilities (2012)

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- A "Best Buy School" (2012 edition)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine

- No. 4 best value among private universities (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011)

Forbes.com/Center for College Affordability & Productivity

- Ranked among top 25 of America's Best Colleges (2010)

Huffington Post and unigo.com

- One of the "New Ivies — Top 10 Colleges Where You'll Find the Next Generation of Excellence"

Graduate Education

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 8 bioengineering
- No. 9 atomic/molecular/optical specialty in physics
- No. 16 environmental engineering
- No. 12 geophysics and seismology specialty in Earth sciences
- No. 12 programming language specialty in computer science
- No. 14 entrepreneurship
- No. 20 computer science
- No. 20 computer engineering

Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies

- One of the nation's largest providers of professional development for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate teachers
- More than 13,000 enrollees in credit and noncredit courses a year

Research

Carnegie Foundation (2011)

- Top classifications for "Very high research activity" and "comprehensive doctoral program"

School of Architecture

Design Intelligence

- No. 3 undergraduate architecture program (2011)
- Among top 20 graduate architecture programs (2011)

George R. Brown School of Engineering

National Medal of Science

- National Medal of Science recipient (2011): Richard Tapia

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 6 undergraduate biomedical engineering (2012)
- No. 17 undergraduate engineering program (2012)
- No. 8 graduate bioengineering program (2012)
- Among top 20 graduate departments in programming language in computer science, environmental engineering/environmental health and computer engineering (all for 2012)

Princeton Review

- Among top 50 undergraduate computer game design programs (2010)

Times Higher Education

- No. 1 worldwide in materials science research (2010)

Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 14 entrepreneurship program, No. 21 MBA for professionals and No. 34 for full-time program (2012)

The Economist

- No. 1 MBA program in Texas and the Southwest (2010)

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 9 graduate entrepreneurship program in U.S. (2011)

Princeton Review

- Among top 15 for finance and accounting in Student Opinion Honors (2010)
- No. 6 best professors (2010)

Financial Times

- Among full-time MBA programs, No. 4 on "Best in Finance" list (2010), No. 9 on "Best in Accountancy" list (2010) in top 20 overall in U.S. (2012)

BusinessWeek

- No. 10 intellectual capital full-time MBA program (2010)

The Shepherd School of Music

- The only college selected for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Conservatory Project six years in a row
- One of the top orchestral training programs in the country, with alumni in the New York Philharmonic; the Cleveland Orchestra; the Boston, Chicago and San Francisco symphonies; and the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra in New York City.

Fiske Guide to Colleges

- Among top 10 undergraduate music programs (2010)

School of Humanities

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 33 history graduate program (2012)
- No. 38 English graduate program (2012)

School of Social Sciences

National Research Council

- Ranked among top 20 political science departments (2010)

The Journal of Economic Literature

- No. 6 in public economics and No. 19 in mathematical economics (2008)

Wiess School of Natural Sciences

Nobel Prize

- Nobel Prize winners in chemistry (1996): Richard Smalley and Robert Curl

U.S. News & World Report

- No. 9 in atomic, molecular, optical physics (2012)
- No. 12 in geophysics and seismology (2012)

James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy

Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania

- No. 17 among university-based think tanks in the world
- No. 24 among all think tanks in the U.S.

Domestic and Foreign Policy Research Institute

- Ranked as a top 40 think tank in the U.S. (2008–10)

Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship

- Helped launch more than 250 technology companies, more than 40 based on Rice University technology
- Home to world's richest and largest graduate business plan competition in the world, awarding more than \$1.3 million in cash and prizes

Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine

- No. 6 graduate entrepreneur program in U.S. (2010)

Additional

Kaplan/Newsweek Finding the Right College for You guide (2011)

- No. 10 for Most Desirable Urban Schools
- No. 25 for Most Desirable Colleges Overall

Hispanic Magazine

- Selected as one of top 20 colleges and universities for Hispanic students

DormSplash.com's "Dormy Awards" (2011)

- No. 1 best resident associates
- No. 11 best overall dorms

Athletics

2010–11 Highlights

- Baseball extends its streak to 17 consecutive NCAA berths — one of only four teams to do so.
- Baseball coach Wayne Graham surpasses 900 wins in his 20 seasons at Rice.
- Anthony Rendon becomes the sixth player taken in the 2011 Major League Draft by the Washington Nationals.
- Men's tennis extends its streak to nine consecutive NCAA tournaments.
- Arsalan Kazemi earns the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's Most Courageous Award.
- Baseball and swimming win Conference USA team championships.
- Seth Huston wins his second consecutive C-USA Swim Coach of the Year honors.
- Michael Whitehead is named C-USA Golfer of the Year and also earns a berth in the U.S. Open.
- Rice shares the American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award.
- Rice places 220 student-athletes on the 2010–11 C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.
- Rice wins its sixth consecutive Institutional Excellence Award, which is given to the C-USA institution with the highest combined GPA for its student-athletes. Rice's combined GPA of 3.174 is its highest in six years as a member of C-USA.
- Eight Rice student-athletes earn C-USA Scholar Athlete Awards for their respective sports: Philip Adam (men's track and field), Matt Carey (men's cross country), Connor Frizzelle (men's basketball), Rebekka Hänle (women's tennis), Tracey Lam (volleyball), Erik Mayer (golf), Oscar Podlewski (men's tennis) and Allison Pye (women's track and field).

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