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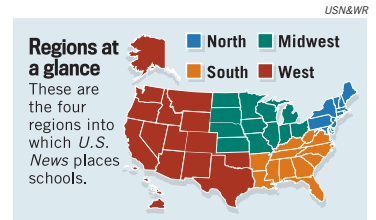


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# Best Universities—Master's (By Region)

What are the Universities—Master's? Like the National Universities, these institutions provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs. But they offer few, if any, doctoral programs. The 574 universities in this category are ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest, and West—because, in general, they tend to draw students heavily from surrounding states.



Rank	School (State) (*Public)	Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('06)	% of classes of 50 or more ('06)	Student/faculty ratio ('06)	% of faculty who are full time ('06)	SAT/ACT 25th–75th percentile ('06)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('06)	Acceptance rate ('06)	Avg. alumni giving rate
23.	Univ. of Michigan—Dearborn*	57	3.0	81%	51% <sup>6</sup>	46%	6%	16/1	82%	21-26	63%	72%	8%
25.	University of Detroit Mercy	56	2.9	75%	53% <sup>6</sup>	57%	4%	13/1	71%	19-25	59%	65%	10%
26.	Franciscan U. of Steubenville (OH)	55	2.5	85%	70%	44%	3%	15/1	81%	1060-1290	57%	80%	19%
26.	Univ. of Wisconsin—Eau Claire*	55	3.1	81%	58%	29%	12%	19/1	92%	22-26	55%	69%	17%
26.	Webster University (MO)	55	2.8	79%	56% <sup>6</sup>	86%	0%	15/1	52%	22-27	52%	57%	4%
29.	Augsburg College (MN)	54	3.1	81%	55% <sup>6</sup>	69%	1%	15/1	72%	20-25	34%	71%	15%
29.	Maryville U. of St. Louis (MO)	54	2.6	78%	61% <sup>6</sup>	72%	0%	12/1	55%	21-27	52%	70%	9%
31.	Indiana Wesleyan University	53	2.7	81%	66% <sup>6</sup>	58%	5%	15/1	77%	980-1200	59%	77%	19%

**FOOTNOTES:**

- School refused to fill out *U.S. News* statistical survey. Data that appear may be from school in previous years or from the National Center for Education Statistics unless otherwise noted.
- SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
- Data not submitted in the form requested by *U.S. News*.
- Data reported to *U.S. News* in previous years.
- Data based on fewer than 51 percent of enrolled freshmen.
- Some or all data reported to the NCAA and/or the National Center for Education Statistics.
- Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
- Average graduation or freshman retention rates, normally based on four years of data, are given here for fewer than four years because school didn't report rates for the most recent year or years to *U.S. News*.
- SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants, and data not submitted in form requested by *U.S. News*. Data may be based on fewer than 50 percent of enrolled freshmen.
- School refused to fill out *U.S. News* survey. Data from school's website were used.
- New to America's Best Colleges rankings this year.
- School was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in 2006 and appeared in a different category of schools in America's Best Colleges 2007.
- Peer assessment score taken from America's Best Colleges 2007. N/A means not available.

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## In the Midwest Best Universities-Master's category (143 institutions included) Webster ranked:

- First in Faculty Resources, the major components of which are faculty compensation, class size and percentage of faculty with terminal degrees;
- Third among the 77 institutions cited for having the highest proportion of classes under 20 (86% of our classes have fewer than 20 students);
- Second among the Top 100 Campuses with the most international students (15% of our undergraduate students are international).

In addition, Webster received recognition as an institution having an ethnically diverse undergraduate student body (12% of our undergraduates are African American) and as an economically diverse institution (22% of our undergraduate students receive Pell Grants).

U.S. News also cited Webster as an institution with “Academic Programs to Look For,” as one of 62 schools nationwide whose study abroad program involves “substantial academic work...and considerable interaction between the student and the culture.” We were also listed among 110 schools in the country with a high percentage of students who have studied abroad while pursuing an undergraduate degree.

