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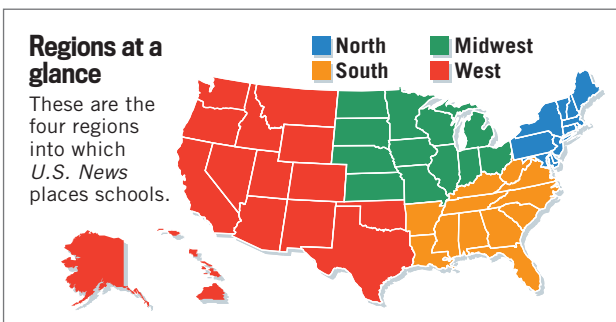
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# Best Universities—Master's

## (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 572 universities in this category are ranked within four geographic regions—North, South, Midwest, and West—because, in general, they tend to draw students heavily from surrounding states.



MIDWEST		Overall score	Peer assessment score (5.0=highest)	Average freshman retention rate	Average graduation rate	% of classes under 20 ('07)	% of classes of 50 or more ('07)	Student/faculty ratio ('07)	% of faculty who are full time ('07)	SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile ('07)	Freshmen in top 25% of HS class ('07)	Acceptance rate ('07)	Average alumni giving rate
28.	Franciscan U. Steubenville (OH)	51	2.4	86%	70%	48%	3%	15/1	80%	1060-1300	56%	81%	18%
28.	Indiana Wesleyan University	51	2.7	82%	68% <sup>6</sup>	59%	4%	16/1	83%	960-1200	58%	81%	16%
28.	Maryville U. of St. Louis (MO)	51	2.6	80%	60% <sup>6</sup>	67%	0%	12/1	55%	22-26	57%	68%	9%
28.	Muskingum College (OH)	51	2.7	72%	62%	63%	0%	15/1	88%	19-25 <sup>3</sup>	45%	78%	27%
28.	Univ. of Michigan—Dearborn*	51	2.9	81%	50% <sup>6</sup>	32%	8%	16/1	82%	21-26	62%	66%	8%
33.	University of Indianapolis	50	3.0	74%	52% <sup>6</sup>	57%	1%	12/1	69%	890-1140	55%	82%	15%
33.	Webster University (MO)	50	2.6	80%	57% <sup>6</sup>	86%	0%	14/1	46%	21-28	55%	56%	4%
35.	Washburn University (KS)*	49	3.0	66%	58% <sup>6</sup>	47%	2%	16/1	75%	19-25	37%	98%	13%
36.	St. Ambrose University (IA)	48	2.8	79%	62% <sup>6</sup>	57%	0%	11/1	75%	19-24	41%	70%	13%
37.	Grand Valley State Univ. (MI)*	47	3.0	83%	51% <sup>8</sup>	26%	8%	18/1	85%	22-26	60%	69%	9%
37.	Heidelberg College (OH)	47	2.8	68%	59% <sup>6</sup>	59%	0.2%	14/1	63%	19-24 <sup>3</sup>	32%	73%	23%

**Footnotes:**

1. 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.
2. SAT and/or ACT not required by school for some or all applicants.
3. Data not submitted in the form requested by *U.S. News*.
4. Data reported to *U.S. News* in previous years.
5. Data based on fewer than 51 percent of enrolled freshmen.
6. Some or all data reported to the NCAA and/or the National Center for Education Statistics.
7. Data reported to the Council for Aid to Education.
8. Average graduation or freshman retention rates, normally based on four years of data, are

9. 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.
10. School refused to fill out *U.S. News* survey. Data from school's website were used.
- † The school was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and appeared in a different category of schools in *America's Best Colleges* 2008.
- N/A means not available.

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