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UI ranked 29th best U.S. public national university

The University of Iowa is the 29th best public national university in the country, according to the latest rankings published by the magazine U.S. News & World Report. The ranking places the UI in a tie with Indiana University-Bloomington, Michigan State University, University of California-Santa Cruz and Virginia Tech University.

The UI's placement in the 2010 edition of the magazine's influential "The Top 50 Public National Universities" compares to a ranking of 26th in the 2009 edition, 24th in 2008 and 25th in 2007. The UI currently is ranked 71st in the "Best National Universities" category, which contains 262 U.S. universities (164 public and 98 private).

In addition, the UI once again is among 22 institutions -- including Harvard and Yale universities -- appearing in the 2010 U.S. News listing titled "Writing In The Disciplines," which recognizes institutions that "typically make writing a priority at all levels of instruction and across the curriculum." Colleges in the listing are unranked and appear in alphabetical order.

Commenting on the rankings, UI President Sally Mason said, "The UI wears these rankings with pride. Even in the midst of significant economic challenges and the disruptions of last year's flood, the University of Iowa remains one of the nation's most highly ranked public universities. Students continue to enroll here in record numbers.

"That happens only when our academic programs remain excellent and we continue to distinguish ourselves nationally and internationally in our missions of teaching and learning, research and creative endeavor and service to society," Mason said. "The diversity of our strengths is notable. When we compete with the best in a broad spectrum of areas from engineering to business to writing, we know we are providing what Iowans expect of us.

"I thank the dedicated and talented faculty, staff and students of our university community for once again making Iowa synonymous with national excellence," she said.

The magazine also ranked undergraduate programs in business and engineering. The UI's Henry B. Tippie College of Business is ranked 19th among publics for 2010, tying with three other public universities: Arizona State University, Georgia Institute of Technology and Texas A&M University. Tippie ranked 21st in 2009. Among all public and private universities, Tippie is ranked 31st, after ranking 35th last year.

The College of Engineering is ranked 33rd among public universities with doctoral programs for 2010, tying with Clemson University and the University of Illinois-Chicago. The College

of Engineering was ranked 34th among publics in 2009. Among all public and private universities, the College of Engineering is ranked 57th, compared to 61st in 2009.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on reputational data obtained from questionnaires filled out by administrators at more than 1,400 universities and colleges and from objective data submitted to a national data archive. The collected data are scored on 15 indicators of academic quality in such categories as: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance and alumni giving.

The annual U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Colleges" guide is scheduled for publication in the magazine's September 2009 issue, on newsstands Monday, Aug. 24, and available online at <http://www.usnews.com/colleges> beginning today.

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