
America's Best Colleges 2008 (2007 Survey - Peer Assessment)

Rank	School	Peer Assessment**
1	Princeton University (NJ)	4.9
1	Harvard University (MA)	4.9
1	Stanford University (CA)	4.9
1	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	4.9
5	Yale University (CT)	4.8
5	University of California - Berkeley*	4.8
7	California Institute of Technology	4.7
8	Columbia University	4.6
8	University of Chicago	4.6
8	Cornell University (NY)	4.6
8	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	4.6
12	University of Pennsylvania	4.5
12	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor *	4.5
14	Duke University (NC)	4.4
14	Brown University (RI)	4.4
16	Dartmouth College (NH)	4.3
16	Northwestern University (IL)	4.3
16	University of Virginia*	4.3
19	Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	4.2
19	University of California - Los Angeles*	4.2
19	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill*	4.2

* denotes a public school.

**Peer assessment is one of 18 indicators used by *U.S. News* to measure an institution's composite weighted score and rank. The peer assessment indicator is based on interviews conducted by *U.S. News* with top academics (e.g. presidents, provosts, and deans of admission) in which respondents are asked to rate peer schools' academic programs on a scale from one (marginal) to five (distinguished). Those who don't know enough about a school to evaluate it fairly are asked to mark "don't know."

Source: *U.S. News & World Report*, September 2007