

RANKINGS AND FACTS

The University of Iowa is among the top public research institutions in the nation — offering a world-class education in over 200 areas of study. From the most prestigious creative writing program in the United States to a nationally recognized academic medical center, our balanced excellence in the arts and sciences encourages innovation and creative exploration across the disciplines.



32,000+
students enrolled in fall 2024



15:1
student-to-faculty ratio



600+
student organizations



301,000+
alumni living and working in 141 countries and all 99 Iowa counties



45+
Pulitzer Prize winners among UI faculty and alumni



20
NCAA Division 1 athletic teams

Most notable U.S. News & World Report rankings

#46 Best public university

#1 Public university for writing across the disciplines

#1 Hospital in Iowa for 35 years

#1 Public nursing program

#17 Best public business program

10 Graduate programs ranked among the top 10 in the nation

Firsts

1st institution of higher education in the state of Iowa (1847)

1st public university to admit men and women on an equal basis (1860)

1st college of law west of the Mississippi (1868)

1st coeducational medical school (1870)

1st to award MFA degrees (1940)

1st state university to officially endorse an LGBTQ+ student group (1970)

Research

\$683.8 million raised in external research funding in FY 2024

2,100+ projects secured research funding in FY 2024

150+ centers and institutes devoted to research and discovery

1 in 3 undergraduate students participate in research

Around Campus

Top 10 college town (*USA Today*)

Iowa City is one of 42 UNESCO Cities of Literature in the world, and one of only two in the U.S.

50+ parks, natural areas, and open spaces surrounding campus

1,700-acre, bicycle-friendly main campus with 18 major bus routes

Outcomes and Impact

89% first-year retention rate

96% of graduates find a job or are accepted to grad school within six months of graduation

4,300+ employers have hired Iowa graduates in the past three years

On *Money's* 2024 Best Colleges list, recognized for quality and affordability