

Table 44-2-2: Liberal Arts Colleges: US News compared to WSJ/ THE and Forbes

The U.S. News top 25 Liberal Arts colleges and their WSJ/THE and Forbes Ranking ¹

Rank	US News LA	WSJ/THE	Forbes		State
			Academic	Financial	
	223 of 1900	800	650	933	
1	Williams College	21	19	A+	MA
2	Amherst College	20	28	A	MA
3	Wellesley College	24	44	A+	MA
3	Swarthmore College	28	25	A	PA
5	Pomona College	23	12	A	CA
6	Bowdoin College	44	26	A+	ME
7	Middlebury College	35	36	B+	VT
7	Claremont McKenna Co	38	29	A+	CA
7	Carleton College	40	52	A+	MN
10	Washington & Lee University	70	42	A+	VA
11	Haverford College	39	49	A+	PA
11	Smith College	41	81	A+	MA
11	Colby College	71	75	A	ME
14	Vassar College	56	61	A-	NY
14	Grinnell College	57	80	A+	IA
14	Hamilton College	59	59	A+	NY
17	Wesleyan College	43	40	A	CT
17	Colgate University	48	46	A-	NY
17	Davidson University	54	48	A+	NC
21	Bates College	63	39	A+	ME
23	Univesity of Richmond	66	83	A+	VA
23	Harvey Mudd College		23	A	CA
25	Barnard College	51	50	A+	NY
25	Macalester College	83	86	B+	MN
1 - 26 colleges are ranked 1 - 25					

Profile of the Liberal Arts College:				
41 on the three lists were in the top 100 for the U.S. overall; 24 from the North				
RED Bold:Six colleges top ten on the three lists;				
The other four top ten were top ten LA's colleges on one of the other lists				
US News Liberal Arts - List is based on their categorization emphasis on undergrad; 1/2 degrees in LA				
WSJ/THE and Forbes do not designate LA				
Performance of U.S. News Liberal Arts Colleges in WSJ/THE and Forbes				
WSJ/THE - 13 in top 50 and 31 in top 100				
Forbes - 16 of of top 50 and 34 in top 100				
20 of U.S. News top 26 are in one of the top 50 U.S. lists				
None are in World Rankings				
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	https://www.usnews.com/best-colleges/rankings/national-liberal-arts-colleges			
WSJ/THE	https://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/united-states-2020			
Forbes	America's Top Colleges	https://www.forbes.com/top-colleges/#4bfb81771987		
Forbes Financial Health Private Universities				
https://www.forbes.com/sites/schifrin/2019/11/27/dawn-of-the-dead-for-hundreds-of-the-nations-private-colleges-its-merge-or-perish/#720498fe770d				