

**U.S. News & World Report: "America's Best Graduate Schools 2008": UT System Summary**

In April 2007, *USNWR* published its annual update on graduate program rankings in business, education, engineering, law, medicine, and some categories in health and the sciences. Not all programs are re-ranked each year; rankings from earlier years were re-published for some areas of science and health professions, public affairs, fine arts, and the social sciences and humanities. A summary of earlier rankings may be found in the UT System's Accountability and Performance Report (<http://www.utsystem.edu/osm/accountability/2006/profiles.pdf>).

*USNWR* uses a combination of qualitative and quantitative data to establish its rankings of graduate programs in business, education, engineering, law, and medicine. These data include statistical indicators (such as entrance exam scores, acceptance rates, student/faculty ratios, and research expenditures) and responses to reputational surveys sent to over 12,500 academics and professionals in fall 2006. *USNWR* bases its rankings of all specialties, and of the overall programs in science, health specialties, social science, and humanities solely on reputational rankings of experts surveyed.

The most common trend in this most recent report was for graduate programs to shift by just a point or two, if at all. Thirty-one programs moved up compared with earlier rankings: 19 at Austin, 3 at Dallas, 1 each at Arlington, El Paso, and Pan American, and 2 each at Southwestern Medical Center, Medical Branch, and HSC-Houston. The number of UT System institution programs ranked ten or better is also noteworthy: 41 at Austin, 1 at Dallas, 4 at Southwestern Medical Center, and 1 at HSC-Houston.

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UT System graduate programs listed in <i>USNWR</i>	2008 Edition	2007 Edition	Prior Edition	Tied with other institutions
<b>UT Arlington</b>				
Mechanical Engineering	--	--	85 of 100 (2006)	
<b>Health</b>				
Nursing (Master's)	72 of 285		115 of 277 (2004)	Tied with 22 others
Social Work			33 of 101 (2005)	
<b>Public Affairs</b>				
City Mgt & Urban Policy			76 of 116 (2005)	
			26 of 32 (2005)	
<b>UT Austin</b>				
<b>Business School</b>				
Accounting	18 of 113	18 of 240	18 of 189 (2006)	UNC-Chapel Hill
Entrepreneurship	1 of 30	2 of 33	3 of 31 (2006)	
Executive MBA	8 of 29	8 of 28	9 of 29 (2006)	UC-Berkeley, UM-Ann Arbor
Finance	14 of 21	13 of 22	12 of 24 (2006)	
Information Systems	14 of 25	18 of 29	18 of 26 (2006)	Yale
International	3 of 28	3 of 27	3 of 30 (2006)	
Management	14 of 23	15 of 25	16 of 25 (2006)	Indiana U, Northwestern, Stanford
Marketing	19 of 25	21 of 23		
Part-time MBA	10 of 25	9 of 25	9 of 25 (2006)	UC-Los Angeles
Production/Operations	25 of 30	25 of 31		
Supply Chain/Logistics	15 of 23	17 of 25	13 of 25 (2006)	UNC-Chapel Hill
<b>Education School</b>				
Administration/Supervision	--	--	19 of 24 (2006)	
Curriculum/Instruction	14 of 243	15 of 240	15 of 93 (2006)	Michigan State, NYU
Educational Psychology	5 of 27	7 of 26	8 of 27 (2006)	
Education Policy	13 of 21	14 of 24	14 of 24 (2006)	U Maryland, U Virginia
Elementary Education	11 of 21	14 of 24	12 of 23 (2006)	
Higher Ed Administration	17 of 21			NYU
Secondary Education	15 of 25	13 of 22	17 of 20 (2006)	Boston College
	15 of 21	22 of 24	20 of 23 (2006)	U Pennsylvania
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Special Education	5 of 21	8 of 23	6 of 25 (2006)	
<b>Engineering School</b>	11 of 191	13 of 187	12 of 198 (2006)	
Aerospace/Astronautical	11 of 39	7 of 39	6 of 40 (2006)	U Maryland, Virginia Tech
Bioengineering/Biomedical	18 of 49	18 of 46	15 of 49 (2006)	
Chemical	7 of 58	7 of 65	7 of 67 (2006)	Princeton
Civil	4 of 75	4 of 85	3 of 86 (2006)	Georgia IT
Computer	6 of 77	8 of 68	9 of 68 (2006)	CalTech, Georgia IT, Princeton, UM
Electrical/Electronic	10 of 80	10 of 83	12 of 83 (2006)	Princeton, Purdue
Environmental	4 of 58	2 of 54	5 of 43 (2006)	
Industrial/Manufacturing	17 of 35	20 of 35	18 of 40 (2006)	Rensselaer Poly
Materials	20 of 57	25 of 51	26 of 55 (2006)	U Wisconsin-Madison
Mechanical	12 of 95	10 of 91	10 of 100 (2006)	Northwestern, U Minnesota
Petroleum	1 of 10	1 of 10	1 of 12 (2006)	Stanford
<b>Fine Arts</b>			21 of 138 (2004)	
Painting/Drawing			7 of 21 (2004)	
Printmaking			6 of 15 (2004)	
Sculpture			12 of 14 (2004)	
<b>Health</b>				
Audiology			22 of 51 (2005)	
Clinical Psychology			11 of 129 (2005)	
Nursing (Master's)	19 of 285		19 of 277 (2004)	Columbia, Rush, UTHSCH, U Virginia
Nurse Practitioner: Family	23 of 30		21 of 28 (2004)	Johns Hopkins, UC-Los Angeles
Pharmacy			2 of 57 (2006)	
Rehabilitation Counseling	24 of 70		15 of 65 (2004)	Florida State, U Illinois, UNT
Social Work			7 of 101 (2005)	
Speech-Language Pathology			10 of 124 (2005)	
<b>Law School</b>	18 of 184	16 of 180	15 of 189 (2006)	
Dispute Resolution	--	--	18 of 18 (2006)	
Environmental Law	--	18 of 22	18 of 23 (2006)	
Intellectual Property	20 of 31	21 of 27	18 of 28 (2006)	
International	15 of 22	11 of 26	14 of 24 (2006)	Case Western
Tax	9 of 25	15 of 25	9 of 25 (2006)	
Trial Advocacy	11 of 17	--	6 of 16 (2006)	Baylor, Samford U
<b>Library /Information Studies</b>		7 of 50		
Archives and Preservation		1 of 9		
Digital Librarianship		11 of 11		
Information Systems		11 of 12		
Law Librarianship		3 of 6		
School Library Media		16 of 17		
<b>Public Affairs</b>			10 of 116 (2005)	
Public Finance & Budgeting			16 of 33 (2005)	
Public Management Admin			10 of 37 (2005)	
Public Policy Analysis			9 of 33 (2005)	
Social Policy			9 of 22 (2005)	
<b>Sciences</b>				
Biological Sciences	23 of 165	24 of 163		UC-Davis, UC-Los Angeles
Ecology/Evolutionary Bio	8 of 13	8 of 17		Princeton
Chemistry	12 of 91	9 of 92		UC-Los Angeles, U Chicago
Analytical	5 of 19	7 of 18		
Inorganic	--	13 of 19		
Organic	15 of 19	10 of 17		Cornell
Physical	14 of 19	12 of 22		
Theoretical	15 of 18	10 of 20		Princeton
Computer Science		9 of 71		
Artificial Intelligence		6 of 20		

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Programming Language		14 of 19		
Systems		8 of 24		
Theory		11 of 23		
Earth Sciences		9 of 81		
Geology		5 of 26		
Geophysics/Seismology		8 of 22		
Paleontology		9 of 13		
Mathematics		15 of 101		
Algebra/Number Theory		16 of 21		
Analysis		13 of 19		
Applied Math		8 of 25		
Geometry		11 of 19		
Topology		8 of 18		
Physics		11 of 94		
Atomic/Molecular/Optical		10 of 17		
Condensed Matter		19 of 21		
Cosmology/Relativity		10 of 15		
Elementary Particles/Fields		15 of 17		
Plasma		7 of 11		
<u>Social Sciences and Humanities</u>				
Economics			25 of 56 (2006)	
Labor Economics			14 of 14 (2006)	
English			19 of 93 (2006)	
American Lit after 1865			20 of 20 (2006)	
History			19 of 91 (2006)	
Latin American			1 of 17 (2006)	
Political Science			25 of 58 (2006)	
Psychology (Research)			12 of 209 (2006)	
Child Dev/Family Relations			66 of 209 (2006)	
Dept. of Educational Psych			77 of 209 (2006)	
Behavioral/Neuroscience			12 of 15 (2006)	
Social Psychology			13 of 16 (2006)	
Sociology			14 of 64 (2006)	
Sex and Gender			16 of 20 (2006)	
Sociology of Population			5 of 29 (2006)	
<b>UT Brownsville</b>				
Nursing (Master's)	203 of 285			Tied with 20 others
<b>UT Dallas</b>				
<u>Business School</u>	53 of 113	54 of 240	64 of 189 (2006)	UC-Irvine
Information Systems	--	24 of 27	27 of 30 (2006)	
<u>Engineering School</u>	77 of 191	89 of 187		Polytechnic U., Clemson
Computer Engineering	63 of 77			Lehigh U, Polytechnic U, UNM
Electrical/Electronic	73 of 80	77 of 83		Texas Tech, U Conn, UK
<u>Health</u>				
Audiology			5 of 51 (2004)	
Speech-Language Pathology			17 of 124 (2005)	
<u>Public Affairs</u>			76 of 116 (2005)	
<u>Sciences</u>				
Biological Sciences	136 of 165	125 of 163		Tied with 15 others
<b>UT El Paso</b>				
Nursing (Master's)	167 of 285		174 of 277 (2004)	Tied with 35 others
Nursing-Midwifery	--		26 of 39 (2004)	
<b>UT Pan American</b>				
Nursing (Master's)	224 of 285			Tied with 25 others
Rehabilitation Counseling	24 of 70		39 of 65 (2004)	Florida State, U Illinois, UNT

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<b>UT San Antonio</b>				
<u>Fine Arts</u>			61 of 138 (2004)	
Sculpture			13 of 14 (2004)	
<u>Sciences</u>				
Biological Sciences	105 of 165			Tied with 16 others
<b>UT Tyler</b>				
<u>Health</u>				
Nursing (Master's)	115 of 285			Tied with 25 others
<b>UT Southwestern Medical Center</b>				
<u>Health</u>				
Clinical Psychology			68 of 129 (2004)	
Physical Therapy			64 of 100 (2005)	
Physician Assistant	4 of 73		7 of 63 (2004)	George Washington, U Utah
Rehabilitation Counseling	--		58 of 65 (2004)	
<u>Medical School (Primary Care)</u>	18 of 128	20 of 126	23 of 62 (2006)	Dartmouth, Michigan State, UCLA
<u>Medical School (Research)</u>	19 of 128	19 of 126	17 of 62 (2006)	
Internal Medicine	10 of 26	9 of 27	9 of 27 (2006)	Columbia
Pediatrics	--	--	17 of 22 (2006)	
Women's Health	18 of 20	16 of 25	9 of 20 (2006)	U Wisconsin-Madison
<u>Psychology (Research)</u>			136 of 209 (2006)	
<u>Sciences</u>				
Biological Sciences	21 of 165	19 of 163		U Pennsylvania
Biochemistry/Biophysics	10 of 13	10 of 11		Duke, UC-San Diego, Washington U
Immunology/Infectious Dis	9 of 10			Duke
Molecular Biology	--	13 of 15		
<b>UT Medical Branch</b>				
<u>Health</u>				
Community Health			24 of 44 (2004)	
Nursing (Master's)	63 of 285		58 of 277 (2004)	Tied with 8 others
Nursing-Midwifery	--		26 of 39 (2004)	
Physical Therapy			40 of 100 (2005)	
Physician Assistant	11 of 73		7 of 63 (2004)	SUNY-Stony Brook
<u>Medical School (Primary Care)</u>	--	63 of 126		
<u>Medical School (Research)</u>	54 of 128	57 of 126		Stony Brook
<u>Sciences</u>				
Biological Sciences	68 of 165	81 of 163		
<b>UT Health Science Center-Houston</b>				
<u>Health</u>				
Nursing (Master's)	19 of 285		29 of 277 (2004)	Columbia, UT Austin, U Virginia
Practitioner: Family	23 of 30		17 of 28 (2004)	Johns Hopkins, UC-Los Angeles
Practitioner: Geriatric	8 of 12		13 of 15 (2004)	
Nursing-Anesthesia	16 of 86		6 of 70 (2004)	UNC-Greensboro, Wayne State
Public Health	12 of 25		12 of 21 (2004)	
<u>Medical School (Research)</u>	60 of 128	57 of 126	55 of 62 (2006)	Jefferson Medical College
<u>Sciences</u>				
Biological Sciences	77 of 165	56 of 163		Tied with 11 others
<b>UT Health Science Center-San Antonio</b>				
<u>Health</u>				
Nursing (Master's)	40 of 285		39 of 277 (2004)	Loyola, UK, U Rochester, Wayne St.
Occupational Therapy			34 of 81 (2005)	
Occupational Therapy (Laredo)			61 of 81 (2005)	
Physical Therapy			91 of 100 (2005)	
Physician Assistant	17 of 73		14 of 63 (2004)	Northeastern, St. Louis U
<u>Medical School (Primary Care)</u>	59 of 128			Jefferson Med. College, U of Okla.

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Geriatrics	18 of 19			Washington U in St. Louis
Sciences				
Biological Sciences	105 of 165	73 of 163		Tied with 16 others

## Summary of 2008 *USNWR* Graduate School Rankings

**UT Arlington** – Nursing Master’s program improved from 115 to 72

### UT Austin

#### Business School

- Same rank (18) as 2006 and 2007
- Ranked in top ten in 4 of 10 specialties
- Notable change from 2007 to 2008
  - #1 in Accounting
  - #3 for third year in Information Systems
  - Significant improvement in Finance, Management, and Production/Operations

#### Education School

- Rank improved slightly from 15 to 14
- Ranked in top five in 2 of 10 specialties
- Notable change from 2007 to 2008
  - Continued improvement in Administration/Supervision (8 in 2006, 7 in 2007, and 5 in 2008)
  - First year of ranking for Education Policy (17 of 21)

#### Engineering School

- Rank improved from 13 to 11
- Ranked in top ten in 6 of 12 specialties
- Notable change from 2007 to 2008
  - Remained #1 in Petroleum for third year
  - Rose from 8 to 6 in Computer
  - Improved in Industrial/Manufacturing and Materials
  - Down from 7 to 11 in Aerospace/Aeronautical

#### Law School

- Rank down again from 16 to 18
- Notable change from 2007 to 2008
  - Environmental did make specialty rankings
  - International down from 11 to 15
  - There was significant improvement in Tax and Trial Advocacy

#### Sciences – (only biological science and chemistry ranked for 2008 edition)

- Biological science improved slightly
- Rank in Analytical Chemistry rose from 7 to 5
- Chemistry rank was down (9 to 12), as were ranks in four subcategories

**UT Brownsville** – Nursing Master’s program made the rankings this year, tied with 20 others at 203 of 285

### UT Dallas

- The Business School ranking increased slightly from 54 to 53
- Information Systems did not make specialty rankings this year
- The Engineering School improved from 89 to 77

- Electrical improved from 77 to 73
- Biological Sciences was down from 125 to 136

**UT El Paso** – Nursing Master's program improved from 174 to 167 (tied with 35 others); Nursing-Midwifery did not make the specialty rankings this year

**UT Pan American**

- Nursing Master's program made this year's rankings, tied with 25 others at 224 of 285
- Rehabilitation Counseling program improved significantly from 39 of 65 to 24 of 70

**UT San Antonio** – Biological Science program made the rankings this year at 105 of 165

**UT Tyler** – Nursing Master's program made this year's rankings, tied with 25 others for 115 of 285

**UT Southwestern**

- Medical School ranks in the top 20 in Research and in Primary Care
- Medical School-Primary Care rank rose for the second year in a row from 20 to 18
- Medical School-Research held steady at 19
  - Internal Medicine and Women's Health were both down
- Rank declined from 19 to 21 in Biological Sciences
  - Biochemistry ranked in top 10 again
  - Molecular Biology did not make the specialty rankings this year
  - Immunology/Infectious Disease ranked 9 of 10 (first year ranked)
- Physician Assistant program rose from 7 of 63 to 4 of 73

**UT Medical Branch**

- Medical School-Primary Care did not make the rankings
- Medical School-Research improved from 57 to 54
- Biological Sciences improved from 81 to 68
- Nursing Master's ranked 63 of 285

**UT HSC-Houston**

- Medical School-Research down for the second year from 57 to 60
- Biological Science down from 56 to 77
- Nursing Master's improved from 29 to 19

**UT HSC-San Antonio**

- Medical School-Primary Care ranked for the first time this year at 59 of 128
- Geriatrics specialty ranked first time at 18 of 19
- Biological Sciences down from 73 to 105
- Nursing Master's stable at around 40
- Physician Assistant in top 20 of more than 70