



Best for Vets: Colleges 2011

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We started back in the spring by polling more than 500 student veterans on what they consider the most important school services for vets. Results of the student survey informed our college survey and ultimately these rankings, particularly our emphasis on academic accreditation, central veterans' offices and staff knowledgeable on veterans' issues.

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4-YEAR

The following are 4-year colleges as classified by the National Center for Education Statistics.

Rank	School	Under \$250 per credit	Under GI Bill cap	Yellow Ribbon Program	Relaxed residency	Veterans office	Accepts ACE credits	Veterans Upward Bound	Academic help	Accred.	Graduation rate	Default rate
1	Concord University (W.Va.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★★★★	NCACS	39%	9.64%
2	Eastern Kentucky University		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		★★★★	SACS	37%	9.08%
3	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★★★★	MSCHE	77%	2.30%
4	California University of Pennsylvania		✓			✓	✓		★★★	MSCHE	49%	4.00%
5	University of South Florida	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		★★★★★	SACS	48%	4.90%
6	Arizona State University			✓		✓		✓	★★	NCACS	56%	3.08%
7	University of Kentucky			✓	✓	✓	✓		★★★★★	SACS	60%	2.40%

8	<u>South Dakota School of Mines and Technology</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★ ★ ★	NCACS	35%	1.92%	
9	<u>University of Nebraska at Omaha</u>	✓		✓	✓	✓		★ ★ ★	NCACS	45%	4.80%	
9	<u>D'Youville College (N.Y.)</u>			✓	✓	✓			MSCHE	53%	5.18%	
11	<u>Ohio State University</u>			✓	✓	✓	✓	★ ★	NCACS	75%	2.58%	
11	<u>Texas A&M University</u>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	★ ★ ★	SACS	80%	3.09%	
13	<u>Texas State University at San Marcos</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★ ★ ★	SACS	56%	3.32%	
14	<u>University of Arizona</u>			✓	✓	✓	✓	★ ★ ★ ★	NCACS	58%	4.03%	
15	<u>University of Pittsburgh</u>			✓	✓	✓		★ ★	MSCHE	78%	2.25%	
16	<u>Wright State University (Ohio)</u>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		NCACS	45%	2.87%	
16	<u>Western Kentucky University</u>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★	SACS	44%	7.93%
16	<u>Evergreen State College (Wash.)</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★ ★	NWCCU	58%	6.40%	
16	<u>George Washington University</u>			✓		✓		★	MSCHE	81%	1.03%	
20	<u>Medaille College (N.Y.)</u>			✓	✓	✓			MSCHE	58%	6.23%	
21	<u>Valdosta State University</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★	SACS	43%	4.36%	
22	<u>University of Wisconsin at Whitewater</u>			✓	✓	✓			NCACS	56%	3.09%	
23	<u>Chadron State College (Neb.)</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	★ ★	NWCCU	38%	4.24%	

24	<u>Bowling Green State University (Ohio)</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★	NCACS	59%	4.51%
24	<u>University of Missouri at Columbia</u>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★★★★★	NCACS	68%	2.40%
26	<u>Western Illinois University</u>		✓			✓	✓		NCACS	59%	5.82%
27	<u>California State University at San Marcos</u>		✓		✓	✓	✓		WASC	47%	2.27%
27	<u>Mississippi State University</u>	✓		✓		✓	✓	★★★★	SACS	61%	4.00%
29	<u>University of the Incarnate Word (Texas)</u>			✓		✓	✓	★★	SACS	43%	4.33%
30	<u>Southern Illinois University at Carbondale</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		NCACS	44%	4.58%
30	<u>State University of New York College at Brockport</u>		✓			✓	✓		MSCHE	62%	2.20%
32	<u>Cleary University (Mich.)</u>			✓		✓	✓	★	NCACS	60%	3.35%
33	<u>California State University at Chico</u>		✓			✓	✓		WASC	58%	3.14%
34	<u>Western Michigan University</u>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	★★	NCACS	54%	2.66%
34	<u>Colorado State University</u>	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	★	NCACS	64%	2.02%
34	<u>Fordham University (N.Y.)</u>			✓		✓	✓	★★★★	MSCHE, NYSED	79%	2.18%
37	<u>The University of Texas at San Antonio</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★	SACS	26%	5.88%
37	<u>Arkansas State University, main campus</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	★★	NCACS	37%	10.56%
39	<u>University of Louisville (Ky.)</u>			✓		✓	✓	★★★★★	SACS	48%	4.63%

40	<u>University of Massachusetts at Boston</u>	✓			✓	✓	✓		NEASC	38%	4.52%	
41	<u>University of Michigan at Flint</u>			✓		✓	✓	★	NCACS	45%	3.63%	
42	<u>Humboldt State University (Calif.)</u>		✓			✓	✓	★	WASC	42%	4.22%	
42	<u>University of North Texas</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★★	SACS	47%	5.56%	
42	<u>University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh</u>			✓	✓	✓	✓	★★★★	NCACS	51%	1.66%	
42	<u>Pennsylvania State University</u>			✓		✓	✓		MSCHE	68%	3.50%	
42	<u>Texas Woman's University</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	★	SACS	48%	4.62%	
47	<u>St. Petersburg College (Fla.)</u>	✓	✓			✓	✓		SACS	29%	10.74%	
49	<u>Roger Williams University (R.I.)</u>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		NEASC	61%	3.27%	
49	<u>Northern Illinois University</u>				✓	✓		★★	NCACS	48%	4.41%	
50	<u>University of Massachusetts at Amherst</u>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	★★	NCACS	65%	2.44%	
51	<u>Kent State University (Ohio)</u>				✓	✓	✓	★★★	NCACS	49%	6.03%	
52	<u>Metropolitan State College of Denver</u>				✓	✓	✓	✓	★★	NCACS	21%	11.02%
53	<u>Minnesota State University at Moorhead</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		NCACS	44%	2.00%	
54	<u>Columbus State University (Ga.)</u>		✓		✓	✓	✓		SACS	33%	5.91%	
54	<u>Long Island University (N.Y.)</u>			✓		✓	✓	★★★	MSCHE	41%	4.05%	
56	<u>University of South Dakota</u>	✓			✓	✓	✓		NCACS	47%	2.66%	

57	<u>Colorado State University at Pueblo</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NCACS	27%	6.44%
57	<u>Southern Polytechnic State University (Ga.)</u>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		SACS	28%	7.73%
57	<u>State University of New York at Canton</u>	✓	✓		✓	✓	☆☆	MSCHE	30%	5.80%

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