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# About William and Mary

## Rankings and Polls

Although polls, rankings and guidebooks cannot fully capture the character of any educational institution, they do provide useful indications of the quality that students can expect. For years, the academic excellence of the College of William and Mary has been widely recognized by the growing raft of magazines and guidebooks that annually rank American colleges and universities. From the *U.S. News and World Report* to *Barron's*, William and Mary and its programs are listed among the nation's strongest.

**U. S. News and World Report**

- WM ranked sixth among all public universities (2005)
- WM ranked 44th among national universities that offer the best value (2005)
- WM ranked 31st overall among the nation's best universities (2005)
- WM ranked 16th in graduation rates for national universities (2005)
- The School of Law ranked 27th in the nation (2005)
- The School of Education's graduate program ranked 45th in the nation (2005)
- The doctoral program in American colonial history ranked 2nd in the nation (2001)

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'Who are you?' Sullivan asks 2005 graduates

Joe McClain, W&M News 05/15/05

President Timothy J. Sullivan urged members of the College of William and Mary's Class of 2005 to begin their post-college lives by trying to answer a so-simple question.



"Who are you?," Sullivan asked rhetorically at the College's commencement exercises on May seems simple enough, I know, but this question is harder to answer than you think."

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President Sullivan welcomes prospective students to The College of William and Mary.

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- WM ranked the top public institution in the nation in terms of commitment to teaching \*

#### **Fiske Guide to Colleges (2005)**

- WM given the highest rating of academics--five stars
- WM designated a "Best Buy" because of its combination of quality and cost
- "Professors cultivate a genuine interest and students go home thinking and applying these things to our daily lives," said one student.

#### **Princeton Review: Best 357 Colleges (2005)**

- WM ranked 9th among "best bargains among public universities."
- Although "William and Mary is challenging," an undergraduate says, "that challenge brings a tremendous sense of accomplishment and honor."
- One student explains, "Sometimes when you are walking around Old Campus, you just stop and say to yourself, 'Wow, I can't believe how surreal this place is, and I can't believe how lucky I am to be here.'"
- WM named a "Best in the Mid-Atlantic" school.

#### **Financial Times (2004)**

- WM School of Business ranked tied for 49th in international rankings and the Executive MBA program ranked 33rd in the nation.
- WM School of Business ranked 26th for value for money in international rankings.

#### **Forbes Magazine (2003)**

- W&M MBA program ranked 23rd nationally

**Business Week Magazine  
(October 2000)**

- WM's Graduate School of Business placed in the Top 50 of the list of best business schools.

**Princeton Review of the Best  
Law Schools (2000)**

- "Eighteen applicants vie annually for each place in the William and Mary School of Law's entering class, making the law school one of the thirty most in-demand in the United States."
- "William and Mary enjoys a strong reputation that extends well beyond the surrounding region, and it attracts a highly qualified group of applicants."
- "More than 80 percent of current [law] students rated the practical instruction at WM as excellent."
- "Not only did students extol the faculty for accessibility, dedication to teaching and genuine concern for pupils, they also spoke highly of the school's focus on clinical settings."
- "Almost everyone we heard from made a point to mention the pervading sense of community among the student body, describing a place where the students know each other and care about each other -- a rare asset in a law school.' ... and if you're worried about finding a job after graduation, you might want to consider that students at WM were uniformly positive about their career services office."

**\*Poll conducted in 1995 and not**

**repeated since.**



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