

Summary

In October 2020, Maclean's released its 2021 program rankings which assess quality and strength through assessment of research and reputation in nine popular areas in the sciences and social sciences: biology, business, computer science, education, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, nursing, and psychology. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) ranked 19 in biology, tied for 11 in education, 7 in environmental science, 14 in nursing, and 17 in psychology. The rankings no longer include program rankings in medicine.

What were the rankings based on?

The Maclean's program rankings were produced based on two equally weighted indicators: Program Reputation and Research Reputation. This is a change from previous years when the methodology used to also include the bibliometric indicators Fractional Publications, Fractional Citations, and Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI).

Area	Indicator	Weight	Source
Program Reputation	Based on results from Maclean's annual reputational survey of professors, deans, and chairs. Academics were asked "which universities are offering the best <u>programs</u> in your area(s) of expertise?" Respondents can list up to a total of ten universities. For this 2021 ranking, there were about 1,000 responses from more than 80 universities.	50%	Annual Maclean's reputational survey of academics
Research Reputation	Based on results from Maclean's annual reputational survey of professors, deans, and chairs. Academics were asked "which universities are doing the best <u>research</u> in your area(s) of expertise?" Respondents can list up to a total of ten universities. For this 2021 ranking, there were about 1,000 responses from more than 80 universities.	50%	Annual Maclean's reputational survey of academics

For more information about Maclean's program rankings methodology, please go to:

<https://www.macleans.ca/education/canadas-best-university-programs-2021-methodology/>

Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

The University of Saskatchewan was ranked in the top 20 in five of the nine programs. USask remained 19 in biology, moved up nine positions to a tie for 11 in education, remained at 7 in environmental science, improved by 5 positions to 14 in nursing, and moved onto the list at 17 in psychology. The table below shows USask rankings in the overall category, as well as the two individual reputational indicators.

USask Rankings in 2021 Maclean's Program Assessment

Program Area	Overall Rank	Overall Rank (prior year)	Program Reputation	Research Reputation
Biology	19	19	23	15
Business	NR	NR	NR	NR
Computer Science	NR	NR	NR	NR
Education	11*	20	12	9
Engineering	NR	NR	NR	NR
Environmental Science	7	7	9	7
Mathematics	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nursing	14	19	16*	13*
Psychology	17	NR	19	15

NR – Not Ranked

*Indicates a tie with another university

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