

Departments That Could Make the Top 3 in the 2 Methodologies Used to Evaluate Doctoral Programs

The following table lists the departments that *could* be as high as first, second or third best -- with a 90 percent confidence level -- according to each of the two methodologies used by the National Research Council, the R methodology and the S methodology. R1 indicates that under the R methodology, the range given for this department starts with 1, or first place. R2 means the range given went to 2 for that methodology and so forth. Both the R and S methodologies are summarized in the accompanying article and detailed on the NRC website. In some cases, a single university may appear in more than one heading within R and/or S categories because a university has more than one department that fits into the NRC's disciplinary taxonomy and both departments have been highly ranked.

Broad Field	Field	R1	R2	R3	S1	S2	S3
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication	RENSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE	CORNELL UNIVERSITY	KENT STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY		CORNELL UNIVERSITY
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication	RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS	HOWARD UNIVERSITY	OHIO UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	STANFORD UNIVERSITY		OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON	SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication	UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	PENN STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL			
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication		UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA			
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication		UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN				
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication		UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR				
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication		UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA				
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Communication		UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON				

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