

2 ASU graduate programs rank No. 1 in the nation

Total of 27 graduate degrees ranked among top 25 in 2026 US News & World Report list; 11 ranked among top 10

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Eleven graduate programs at Arizona State University are in the top 10 nationwide, according to [U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Programs 2026 rankings](#) released today.

A total of 27 programs made the top 25; nearly half of those — 11 — are from the [Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions](#).

Two ASU programs ranked first in the nation: the JD program in legal writing in the [Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law](#) and the local government management graduate program in the Watts College. Both were ranked No. 3 last year.

The legal writing program ranks ahead of Georgetown University, the University of Michigan and Texas A&M. The local government management program is ahead of Syracuse University, Indiana University and Harvard University.

Also in the top 10 is the supply chain/logistics program (No. 8) in the [W. P. Carey School of Business](#), ahead of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Michigan State University and New York University.

The other programs in the top 10 are in the Watts College:

Information and technology management (No. 2) — up one spot from last year, ahead of Syracuse University and the University at Albany.

Homeland security and emergency management (No. 2) — the same as last year, ahead of the University of Southern California, George Washington University and Georgetown University.

Nonprofit management (No. 3) — up two spots from last year and ahead of Syracuse University, the University of Washington and Harvard University.

Public management and leadership (No. 5) — the same as last year and ahead of Harvard University, the University of Southern California and the University of Michigan.

Urban policy (No. 6) — up three spots from last year and ahead of Harvard University, Syracuse University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Environmental policy and management (No. 6) — up four spots from last year and ahead of Harvard University, Princeton University and Syracuse University.

Public finance and budgeting (No. 9) — up seven spots from last year and ahead of Harvard University, Ohio State University and the University of California, Berkeley.

Overall public affairs (No. 9) — up two spots from last year and ahead of American University, Georgetown University and Ohio State University.

“Across fields as diverse as public service, law, business, engineering, the sciences, and health and education, our graduate programs are achieving exceptional outcomes and advancing scholarship,” Executive Vice President and University Provost Nancy Gonzales said.

“What distinguishes ASU is not only our commitment to excellence, but the breadth of disciplines in which we excel. Year over year, ASU demonstrates that a university committed to broad accessibility and positive global impact can also drive excellence across the full spectrum of academic fields.”

The rest of the ASU graduate programs ranked in the top 25 in the nation are:

Doctorate in earth sciences (No. 11), The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Dispute resolution (No. 11), Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Public policy analysis (No. 13), Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

Environmental law (No. 14), Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Social policy (No. 15), Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

Information systems, (No. 15), W. P. Carey School of Business

Health care law (No. 16), Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Speech-language pathology (No. 17), College of Health Solutions

Environmental engineering (No. 17), Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

International business (No. 19), W. P. Carey School of Business

Industrial/manufacturing/systems engineering (No. 19), Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering

Overall graduate education programs (No. 19), Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching and Learning Innovation

Executive MBA (No. 21), W. P. Carey School of Business

Educational administration (No. 21), Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching and Learning Innovation

Curriculum and instruction (No. 22), Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching and Learning Innovation

Marketing (No. 25), W. P. Carey School of Business

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Two of Arizona State University's graduate programs ranked No. 1 in the latest U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Programs list, including the JD program in legal writing in the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. ASU photo