University of Nebraska Lincoln

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US News & World Report Ranking Indicators

Magazine Edition (AY)	Weight (%) assigned by USN&WR [6]	2008	2009	2010	Weight (%) assigned by USN&WR [6]	2011	2012	2013	Weight (%) assigned by USN&WR [6]	2014	2015	2016	2017
AY Data		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Overall Placement	-	91	89	96		104	101	101		101	99	103	NA[9]
Top 50 Public Placement		42	41	43		47	(49)[7]	(46)[7]		(47)[7]	(46)[7]	(47)[7]	NA[9]
Undergraduate Academic Reputation Index (was Peer Assessment Score) [1]	25.00	3.2	3.1	3.1	22.50	65	65	67	22.50	3.1	3.1	3.2	NA[9]
Six Year Grad Rate (4 yr avg) [2]	16.00	62.3%	62.9%	63.0%	16.00	63.0%	63.3%	64.5%	18.00	64.8%	65.8%[8]	66.5%	66.5%
Freshman Retention Rate (4 yr avg) [2]	4.00	83.5%	83.8%	83.7%	4.00	83.8%	83.8%	84.0%	4.50	84.0%	84.0%	84.0%	83.4%
Class Size (proportion <20)	6.00	36.8%	38.5%	38.6%	6.00	38.2%	38.2%	39.2%	6.00	41.5%	40.7%	38.6%	36.8%
Class Size (proportion >50)	2.00	13.4%	13.6%	13.9%	2.00	13.9%	14.2%	14.1%	2.00	14.8%	15.1%	16.5%	16.6%
AAUP Faculty Compensation (Avg 2 yrs) [3]	7.00	$100,639	$106,072	$114,242	7.00	$115,586	$116,477	$120,100	7.00	$121,425	$121,890	$127,227	$129,505
Faculty with terminal degree [4]	3.00	96.5%	96.6%	96.3%	3.00	96.1%	96.2%	96.1%	3.00	96.2%	94.4%	94.4%	92.9%
Student / Faculty Ratio	1.00	19.1:1	19.4:1	19.9:1	1.00	19.9:1	20.2:1	21.4:1	1.00	20.48:1	20.7:1	21.0:1	22.0:1
Full Time Faculty Proportion (as % of FTE)	1.00	99.4%	99.6%	99.7%	1.00	99.7%	99.5%	99.5%	1.00	99.4%	99.5%	99.4%	99.5%
Test Scores SAT or ACT	6.00	24.9	25.0	25.0	7.50	25.4	25.3	25.3	8.125	25.4	25.0	25.0	25.0
Top 10% in HS Class	5.25	25.0%	27.0%	25.0%	6.00	26.8%	25.0%	25.8%	3.125	25.8%	25.7%	24.0%	26.0%
Acceptance Rate (admits / applicants)	2.25	5858/7993 73.3%	5978/9598 62.3%	6122/9709 63.1	1.50	5943/9455 62.9	6089/9768 62.3	5943/10022 59.3	1.25	6662/10350 64.4	6999/10929 64.0	8293/11865 69.9	7425/9724 76.4
Yield (enrolled / admits)	1.50	3849/5858 65.7%	4235/5978 70.8%	4200/6122 68.6	no longer used	3986/5943 67.1	4075/6089 66.9	4093/5943 68.9	no longer used	3937/6662 59.1	4420/6999 63.2	4652/8293 56.1	4628/7425 62.3
Financial Resources / FTE Student (avg 2 yrs)	10.00	$22,694	$22,845	$23,302	10.00	$23,694	$24,635	$25,893	10.00	$26,818	$27,633	$28,157	$29,015
Graduation Rate Performance (actual vs US News predicted) [5]	5.00	-	-	-	7.50	-	-	-	7.50	-	-	-	-
Alumni Giving Rate (% of alumni who give - avg 2 yrs)	5.00	23.2%	23.5%	22.7%	5.00	22.0%	22.1%	22.7%	5.00	22.1%	20.5%	19.3%	18.9%
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1) Publication changed the way this measure is calculated and reported beginning with the 2011 edition; returned to Peer Assessment Score for 2014 edition
2) These measures have changed from a 3-year average to a 4-year average, sometime before the 2010 edition
3) Average faculty pay starts with UNL's submissions to the AAUP Salary Survery (shown in table above); subsequently USN&WR adjusts the raw averages to allow for 'regional' differences.
4) In 2000, Chancellor Moeser made the decision that UNL would consider only tenured and tenured-track faculty when answering survey questions concerning numbers of faculty.
5) This is a USN&WR calculated entry. It is based on the difference between the actual 6-yr graduation rate and a USN&WR predicted graduation rate based upon entering students' standardized test scores and controlling for spending.
6) Weights assigned by UNN&WR changed beginning with the 2011 edition and again with the 2014 edition.
7) Magazine only reported Top 30 Public Placement; our actual placement was determined from overall placement chart.
8) Number reported in Fall 2014 edition (67%) differs from this value calculated by Institutional Research and Planning based on U.S. News reported methodology.
9) Not available until rankings are released in the fall.

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