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Best Undergraduate Education

University of Dayton

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The University of Dayton is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the University in the 2017 edition of its flagship college guide, "The Best 381 Colleges.

Only about 15 percent of America's 2,500 four-year colleges are profiled in the book. The University of Dayton is highlighted as one of the Colleges That Create Futures, Colleges That Pay You Back and Green Colleges. It also ranks in the top 20 for Impact Schools, Most Engaged in Community Service, Top Internship Opportunities and Top 25 Entrepreneurship.

“The University of Dayton's outstanding academics are the chief reason we chose it for this book and we strongly recommend it to applicants,” says Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s senior vice president and publisher and author of "The Best 381 Colleges."

“We make our selections primarily based on data we collect through our annual surveys of administrators at several hundred four-year colleges," he said. “Additionally, we give considerable weight to observations from our school visits, opinions of our staff and our 24-member National College Counselor Advisory Board, and an unparalleled amount of feedback we get from our surveys of students attending these schools. We also keep a wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity and character.”

The University is also recognized as third for Happiest Students, fifth for Their Students Love These Colleges and eighth for Best Quality of Life. It ranks first for Everyone Plays Intramural Sports. In the last 10 years, more than
7,000 students have earned what the University calls “cotton glory,” at least one intramural sports champion T-shirt.

The University’s profile includes comments from students on academics, life and the student body.

Among them, students say the University is “inclusive and diverse ... with programs and activities for everyone.”

“Students regularly praise the ‘importance of community’ and ‘making a difference in the world,’” the profile continues. “UD ‘strives to represent community through its dedicated professors, friendly students’ and ‘welcoming atmosphere.’ Students say this ‘togetherness and community' at Dayton ‘is something most people don’t get at other schools.’”

Full information is available online at PrincetonReview.com/best381.

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