

Webster University's "Best for Vets: Colleges 2017" Ranking
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Overview

Webster University was ranked 39th in the *Military Times's* "Best for Vets: Colleges 2017" annual listing. *Military Times* invited four-year colleges and universities nationwide to participate in their ranking survey, but published only the top 130 ranked institutions. This list does not include institutions with predominately online instruction, two-year institutions, or technical colleges, which *Military Times* ranks separately. This report compares Webster to four-year institutions ranked as high or higher than Webster.

The ranking criteria are based on five broad categories: academic outcomes/quality, university culture, student support services, academic policies, and cost/financial aid. The academic outcomes/quality and university culture criteria are weighted most heavily, and the cost/financial aid criteria are weighted the least. *Military Times* does not disclose its detailed ranking weight information. Data for the rankings were drawn from Webster's survey completion, IPEDS, the College Scorecard, Veterans Affairs and Defense Departments, and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

Key Findings

- Webster is ranked 39th among four-year institutions and 8th among private four-year institutions.
- Webster is the top ranked Missouri school among four-year institutions.
- Webster is ranked 23rd among four-year institutions for the highest six-year graduation rate for military students (74%) and 13th among private four-year institutions.

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Table 1. Four-Year Institutions Ranked Higher than Webster in the Military Times's "Best for Vets: Colleges 2017" Ranking

School	2017 Rank	State	Type	2015 Total Enrollment*	2015 Military Enrollment*	Student-Faculty Ratio	Money Per Student on Instruction	1-Year Retention Rate Total	Military 1-Year Retention Rate*	6-Year Graduation Rate Total	6-Year Military Graduation Rate*	Student Loan Default Rate
University of South Florida	1	FL	Public	48,793	1,588	19/1	\$6,830	86%	83%	50%	68%	5%
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey	2	NJ	Public	67,556	1,192	13/1	\$15,402	91%	83%	67%	52%	3%
Syracuse University	3	NY	Private	21,789	464	16/1	\$15,192	92%	95%	80%	67%	3%
Armstrong State University	4	GA	Public	7,103	384	17/1	\$6,105	70%	70%	30%	49%	7%
D'Youville College	5	NY	Private	2,909	232	9/1	\$9,847	78%	97%	44%	95%	5%
Colorado State University	6	CO	Public	35,263	1,453	16/1	\$10,857	85%	86%	65%	66%	2%
Georgia State University	7	GA	Public	53,919	1,720	21/1	\$7,241	81%	82%	53%	55%	9%
South Dakota State University	8	SD	Public	12,589	273	17/1	\$7,951	77%	no data	57%	36%	4%
University of Nebraska at Omaha	9	NE	Public	15,526	890	16/1	\$8,428	77%	72%	45%	49%	6%
The University of Kansas	10	KS	Public	27,259	508	17/1	\$17,259	80%	75%	60%	no data	4%
Florida State University	11	FL	Public	41,226	1,091	26/1	\$9,688	92%	94%	79%	91%	4%
Lipscomb University	12	TN	Private	4,680	226	12/1	\$9,956	80%	98%	62%	98%	3%
Western Illinois University	13	IL	Public	11,094	625	15/1	\$11,581	72%	69%	54%	62%	7%
Western Kentucky University	14	KY	Public	20,146	537	18/1	\$8,290	73%	75%	44%	no data	11%
The University of Southern Mississippi	15	MS	Public	14,660	565	17/1	\$8,219	74%	72%	48%	53%	11%
Stockton University	16	NJ	Public	8,674	568	17/1	\$8,487	87%	88%	67%	96%	5%
Eastern Kentucky University	17	KY	Public	16,844	1,004	15/1	\$8,940	72%	66%	42%	0.43	11%
California State University, San Bernardino	18	CA	Public	21,137	531	30/1	\$6,809	88%	85%	48%	54%	6%
Northwest Nazarene University	19	ID	Private	2,035	115	17/1	\$8,351	0.75	96%	52%	98%	4%
University of Texas at Arlington	20	TX	Public	51,557	2,589	26/1	\$6,322	69%	64%	42%	56%	6%
University of Central Oklahoma	21	OK	Public	16,910	541	20/1	\$8,494	66%	71%	37%	50%	10%
University of Kentucky	22	KY	Public	29,727	583	18/1	\$11,208	82%	78%	61%	47%	4%
Texas A&M University	23	TX	Public	63,813	3,293	20/1	\$14,943	90%	86%	79%	83%	4%
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	24	NE	Public	25,260	504	21/1	\$10,896	84%	no data	67%	no data	3%

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San Diego State University	25	CA	Public	33,230	2,643	28/1	\$6,812	88%	92%	66%	67%	3%
West Virginia University	26	WV	Public	29,000	950	21/1	\$11,703	77%	78%	57%	52%	7%
St. Petersburg College	27	FL	Public	31,864	2,237	22/1	\$4,443	no data	62%	33%	35%	16%
University of the Incarnate Word	28	TX	Private	8,666	2,144	14/1	\$6,935	76%	88%	43%	60%	7%
Old Dominion University	29	VA	Public	24,672	2,291	20/1	\$8,498	81%	79%	52%	52%	5%
The College of Saint Rose	30	NY	Private	4,411	59	14/1	\$12,055	78%	91%	66%	91%	3%
Mississippi State University	31	MS	Public	20,873	627	19/1	\$7,318	80%	79%	60%	70%	8%
Lewis University	32	IL	Private	6,700	590	13/1	\$8,524	83%	83%	62%	64%	4%
University of West Florida	33	FL	Public	12,808	1,753	23/1	\$6,022	74%	no data	51%	64%	7%
Saginaw Valley State University	34	MI	Public	9,766	184	18/1	\$6,283	71%	66%	40%	41%	6%
Texas State University	35	TX	Public	37,979	1,616	23/1	\$6,511	76%	82%	55%	63%	6%
University of Nevada, Las Vegas	36	NV	Public	29,781	1,667	22/1	\$8,805	77%	76%	39%	78%	7%
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology	37	SD	Public	2,843	147	15/1	\$10,832	77%	0.71	54%	0.74	5%
Troy University	38	AL	Public	17,857	2,501	15/1	\$5,643	75%	72%	35%	41%	11%
Webster University	39	MO	Private	17,381	3,643	13/1	\$6,722	77%	68%	64%	74%	no data

Note: Data for columns marked with an asterisk were provided by each institution via the *Military Times* survey. All data for the other columns were obtained by *Military Times* from various federal agencies.