

SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES

POLITICAL SCIENCE Ranked in 2013

Rank	School	Average assessment score (5.0=highest)	Rank	School	Average assessment score (5.0=highest)	Rank	School	Average assessment score (5.0=highest)
1.	Harvard University (MA)	4.9	15.	Ohio State University	3.9	28.	University of Washington	3.3
2.	Princeton University (NJ)	4.8	15.	University of Rochester (NY)	3.9	32.	Michigan State University	3.2
2.	Stanford University (CA)	4.8	15.	University of Wisconsin–Madison	3.9	32.	Rice University (TX)	3.2
4.	University of Michigan–Ann Arbor	4.7	19.	Cornell University (NY)	3.8	32.	Stony Brook University–SUNY	3.2
4.	Yale University (CT)	4.7	19.	University of Minnesota–Twin Cities	3.8	32.	University of Iowa	3.2
6.	University of California–Berkeley	4.6	21.	Northwestern University (IL)	3.6	36.	George Washington University (DC)	3.1
7.	Columbia University (NY)	4.4	21.	University of Texas–Austin	3.6	36.	University of Notre Dame (IN)	3.1
8.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4.3	23.	University of California–Davis	3.5	36.	University of Virginia	3.1
8.	University of California–San Diego	4.3	23.	University of Illinois–Urbana-Champaign	3.5	36.	Vanderbilt University (TN)	3.1
10.	Duke University (NC)	4.2	25.	Emory University (GA)	3.4	40.	Florida State University	3.0
10.	University of California–Los Angeles	4.2	25.	Indiana University–Bloomington	3.4	40.	Georgetown University (DC)	3.0
12.	University of Chicago	4.1	25.	Texas A&M University–College Station	3.4	40.	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	3.0
13.	University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill	4.0	28.	Penn. State University–University Park	3.3	40.	University of California–Irvine	3.0
13.	Washington University in St. Louis	4.0	28.	University of Maryland–College Park	3.3	40.	University of Pittsburgh	3.0
15.	New York University	3.9	28.	University of Pennsylvania	3.3			

POLITICAL SCIENCE SPECIALTIES

AMERICAN POLITICS

1. Harvard University (MA)
2. Stanford University (CA)
3. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
4. Princeton University (NJ)
5. University of California–Berkeley
6. Yale University (CT)
7. Duke University (NC)
8. University of California–Los Angeles
9. Columbia University (NY)

COMPARATIVE POLITICS

1. Harvard University (MA)
2. Stanford University (CA)

3. Princeton University (NJ)
3. University of California–Berkeley
5. Columbia University (NY)
6. Yale University (CT)
7. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
8. University of California–Los Angeles
9. Duke University (NC)

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

1. Harvard University (MA)
2. Stanford University (CA)
3. Princeton University (NJ)

4. Columbia University (NY)
5. University of California–San Diego
6. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
7. New York University
8. Ohio State University
8. Yale University (CT)

POLITICAL METHODOLOGY

1. Harvard University (MA)
2. Stanford University (CA)
3. New York University
3. University of Michigan–Ann Arbor
5. Washington University in St. Louis
6. Princeton University (NJ)

7. University of Rochester (NY)
8. University of California–Berkeley

POLITICAL THEORY

1. Princeton University (NJ)
2. Harvard University (MA)
3. University of Chicago
4. Yale University (CT)
5. Johns Hopkins University (MD)
6. University of California–Berkeley
7. Duke University (NC)
8. Northwestern University (IL)

METHODOLOGY

Rankings of doctoral programs in the social sciences and humanities are based solely on the results of peer assessment surveys sent to academics in each discipline. Each school offering a doctoral program was sent two surveys. The questionnaires asked respondents to rate the academic quality of the program at each institution on a 5-point scale: outstanding (5), strong (4), good (3), adequate (2), or marginal (1). Individuals who were unfamiliar with a particular

school's programs were asked to select "don't know." Scores for each school were determined by computing a trimmed mean (eliminating the two highest and two lowest responses) of the ratings of all respondents who rated that school for the last two surveys; average scores were then sorted in descending order.

Surveys were conducted in the fall of 2012 by Ipsos Public Affairs. Questionnaires were sent to department heads and directors of graduate studies (or, alternatively, a senior faculty

member who teaches graduate students) at schools that had granted a total of five or more doctorates in each discipline during the five-year period from 2005 through 2009, as indicated by the 2010 Survey of Earned Doctorates. The surveys asked about Ph.D. programs in economics (response rate: 25 percent), English (21 percent), history (19 percent), political science (30 percent), psychology (16 percent), and sociology (31 percent). Survey results from fall 2008 and fall 2012 were aver-

aged to compute the scores.

In psychology, a school was listed once on the survey even if it grants a doctoral degree in psychology in multiple departments. Programs in clinical psychology are ranked separately in the health professions section. Specialty rankings are based solely on nominations by department heads and directors of graduate studies at peer schools from the list of schools surveyed. They named up to 10 programs in each area. Those with the most votes appear.