

Summary

In October 2023, Maclean’s released its 2024 program rankings which assess quality and strength through assessment of research and reputation in five popular areas in the sciences and social sciences: business, computer science, education, engineering, and nursing. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) ranked in a tie for 14 in nursing and placed 17 in education. The rankings no longer include program rankings in biology, environmental science, mathematics, medicine, and psychology.

What were the rankings based on?

The Maclean’s program rankings were produced based on two equally weighted indicators: Program Reputation and Research Reputation. This was a change made in the 2021 rankings, whereas previously the methodology used to also include the bibliometric indicators Fractional Publications, Fractional Citations, and Field-Weighted Citation Impact (FWCI).

Area	Indicator	Weight	Source
Program Reputation	Based on results from Maclean’s annual reputational survey of professors, deans, and chairs. Academics were asked “which universities are offering the best <u>programs</u> in your area(s) of expertise?” Respondents can list up to a total of ten universities. For this 2024 ranking, there were about 1200 responses from about 70 universities.	50%	Annual Maclean’s reputational survey of academics
Research Reputation	Based on results from Maclean’s annual reputational survey of professors, deans, and chairs. Academics were asked “which universities are doing the best <u>research</u> in your area(s) of expertise?” Respondents can list up to a total of ten universities. For this 2024 ranking, there were about 1200 responses from about 70 universities.	50%	Annual Maclean’s reputational survey of academics

For more information about Maclean’s program rankings methodology, please go to:

<https://education.macleans.ca/feature/canadas-best-university-programs-2024-methodology/>

Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

The University of Saskatchewan was ranked within the top 20 in two of the five programs. USask was positioned in a tie for 14 in nursing, moving up two places from 2023. In the area of education, USask ranked 17, dropping 7 positions from 10 in 2023. USask had been previously ranked within the top 20 in computer science last year, but slipped out in 2024. The table below shows USask rankings in the overall program category, as well as the two individual reputational indicators.

USask Rankings in 2024 Maclean's Program Assessment

Program Area	Overall Rank	Overall Rank (prior year)	Program Reputation	Research Reputation
Business	NR	NR	NR	NR
Computer Science	NR	19	NR	NR
Education	17	10	17	17*
Engineering	NR	NR	NR	NR
Nursing	14*	16	16*	14*

NR – Not Ranked

*Indicates a tie with another university

For more information, visit [Assessment and Analytics](#) in the Office of the Provost and VP Academic.