



School of Architecture and Urban Planning University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee How Do We Rank?

While there is no definitive ranking system for schools of architecture in the United States, there are a number of organizations that attempt to differentiate between programs. Their criteria may vary from research productivity to the ability of graduates to be good employees, and the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee has fared favorably in a number of reviews among the over 130 schools of architecture over the past few years. Highlights include:

- **U.S. News and World Report** in its last review of Schools of Architecture ranked UWM among its *top twenty* programs .
- **Design Intelligence**, which polls professional practices in the United States, has also ranked UWM in its *top twenty* schools. In one of its assessments, it also ranked the school *second* in the Midwest and *joint third* in their ‘Most Innovative Programs’ category. The magazine once reviewed the UWM school, naming it as *one of three nationally* that ‘Make a Difference,’ claiming:

“It’s an amazing symbiosis between practice and education. Even firms from surrounding states give this program top marks. More than 50 design firms currently come to recruit and find the students there to be ‘super-qualified’ for practice positions. The continuity of the leadership and faculty imbue an attitude of design excellence in each graduate and the profession’s level of trust grows annually.”

- National attention has been garnered by the faculty of the school, who were ranked *joint eighth* in number of national awards won through the **Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture**. In addition, one member of the school was named *Educator of the Year* by the national **American Institute of Architects Students** organization.
 - **The Journal of Planning Education and Research** ranked the Department of Urban Planning *tenth* nationally among masters-only programs based on the number of publications per faculty member.
 - **Design Intelligence** created an Honor Roll of the 30 most respected educators who bridge practice and education in the United States. SARUP’s Dean was ranked *seventh*.
 - A UWM student was ranked *first* in the latest **American Institute of Architects Chicago Awards** program, competing with other Midwestern schools. Since the competition’s inception in 1982, UWM has won over 70% of all the design awards.
 - In a national design competition sponsored by the **Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture** and the **Steel Tube Institute of North America**, UWM Students were ranked *first*. The judges praised the winning design as being:
- “So thorough and sophisticated, it appeared to have been done by professional architects.”*
- In an international ranking exercise by the **Key Center for Architectural Sociology**, UWM ranked *eighteenth* in research performance among the over 130 schools in North America.
 - Of course, the most accurate measure of a program’s quality lies in its accreditation, a rigorous national review by the **National Architectural Accreditation Board** that determines an institution’s ability to meet 36 criteria. Programs unable to meet the demanding assessment risk losing some or all of their years of accreditation. Since its inception in 1969, UWM has received *full accreditation terms for all of its reviews*, receiving assessments such as the following:

“The faculty has an excellent reputation for their leadership in design and professional practice as well as the research and scholarly traditions of the School . . . they are a true asset to the community, region and architectural education nationwide.”

and

“the school is just steps away from the finest schools in the country.”