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**OU ranked fifth on 2017 list of best colleges in Michigan**

Oakland University came in at No. 5 on a 2017 list of the 25 best four-year colleges in Michigan.

The list, which includes both public and private colleges, was compiled by BestColleges.com and ranked schools based on various factors, including academic quality, affordability and online competency.

According to the website, the rankings reflect data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and College Navigator, both of which are hosted by the National Center for Education Statistics.

Based on the data, each school was assigned a score on a 100-point scale. Information related to costs, student loan defaults, and acceptance, retention, graduation and enrollment rates factored into each school's overall score.

Oakland earned a score of 68.79, ahead of other Michigan public universities such as University of Michigan-Dearborn, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor had the highest ranking with a score of 93.79, followed by Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University and Calvin College.

Along with the best four-year colleges, the website also published a ranking of the state's 25 best two-year colleges. Muskegon Commun College claimed the No. 1 spot on that list. Oakland Community College was ranked No. 4.

To see the full rankings, visit [bestcolleges.com/features/best-colleges-in-michigan](http://bestcolleges.com/features/best-colleges-in-michigan).