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## 2022 GRADUATE PROGRAM RANKINGS, UNLV & UNR

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### PURPOSE:

This Fact Sheet presents the 2022 *U.S. News and World Report* Graduate program rankings for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)<sup>1</sup> and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR).<sup>2</sup> The rankings for 2022 are important when taking into consideration that both UNLV and UNR reached Carnegie R1 status in 2018. This status marks their place in the top 130 research universities in the country.

### ABOUT THE DATA:

*U.S. News and World Report* is a news outlet that produces information on a variety of topics and is well-known for their education rankings. Each year the *U.S. News and World Report* releases education rankings ranging from the best high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States. School rankings are compiled using a variety of qualitative and quantitative data. A program that is “Unranked” signifies that the school did not provide enough information on the program to receive a ranking including statistical measures and views from experts about the quality of various programs. A label of “Rank not Placed” (RNP) refers to program scores below the threshold to be ranked. The absence of a ranking means that the specific program is not available at that school, or that the rank was not published by *U.S. News and World Report*.<sup>3</sup>

### KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. In the 2022 graduate program rankings, UNLV has 45 programs, and UNR has 34 programs in the top 200 nationally. Of UNLV’s 45 ranked programs, 29 appear in the top 100. Of UNR’s 34 ranked programs, 12 appear in the top 100.
2. In the 2021 graduate program rankings (see Frazee-Bench, Falcone, Saladino & Brown, 2020),<sup>4</sup> UNLV had 41 programs, and UNR had 25 programs ranked in the top 200 nationally.
3. UNLV and UNR share 23 of the 57 programs listed. UNLV ranks higher than UNR in 10 of the 23 shared programs. UNR ranks higher than UNLV in 9 of the 23 shared programs.
4. UNLV and UNR are tied in 4 graduate program rankings: 1) degree program in Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering (127<sup>th</sup> nationally); 2) degree program in Computer Engineering (122<sup>nd</sup> nationally). 3) degree program in Physics (139<sup>th</sup> nationally); and 4) degree program in Public Health (114<sup>th</sup> nationally).

Table 1 shows the 2022 *U.S. News and World Report* graduate program rankings for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the University of Nevada, Reno. The absence of a ranking is denoted by a ( - ) and means that the specific program is not available at that school, or that the rank was not published by *U.S. News and World Report*. Programs that are ranked within a range, such as 154-202, represent that the specific program ranked in the bottom ¼ quartile range. *U.S. News and World Report* elects to report the range for schools falling in the bottom quartile instead of the raw number ranking. Table 1 is color coded to show increases (in green) and decreases (in red) in program rankings from 2021 to 2022. Rankings that have not changed appear in white.

<sup>1</sup> “University of Nevada—Las Vegas.” (2021). *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from <https://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-nevada-las-vegas-182281/overall-rankings>

<sup>2</sup> “University of Nevada—Reno.” (2021). *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from <https://premium.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/university-of-nevada-reno-182290/overall-rankings>

<sup>3</sup> Morse, Robert. (2021). “How U.S. News Calculated the 2022 Best Graduate Schools Rankings.” *U.S. News and World Report*. Retrieved from [www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings](https://www.usnews.com/education/best-graduate-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings)

<sup>4</sup> Frazee-Bench, M., Falcone, M., Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). 2021 Graduate Program Rankings for UNLV and UNR. *The Data Hub at The Lincy Institute & Brookings Mountain West*. Higher Education Fact Sheet No. 10, 1-2. Retrieved from [https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/bmw\\_lincy\\_he/5/](https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/bmw_lincy_he/5/)

**Table 1: 2022 Nevada Graduate Program Rankings, UNLV & UNR**

<b>GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	<b>UNLV</b>	<b>UNR</b>
<b>BUSINESS</b>		
Business Schools	Unranked	Unranked
Degree Program: Part-Time MBA	89	127
Degree Program: Economics	-	114
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Education Schools	125	100
<b>ENGINEERING</b>		
Engineering Schools	154-202	131
Degree Program: Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering	62	-
Degree Program: Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering	127	127
Degree Program: Chemical Engineering	-	115
Degree Program: Civil Engineering	95	57
Degree Program: Computer Engineering	122	122
Degree Program: Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering	119	134
Degree Program: Environmental / Environmental Health Engineering	83	70
Degree Program: Materials Engineering	111	92
Degree Program: Mechanical Engineering	139	152
Degree Program: Nuclear Engineering	28	-
<b>FINE ARTS</b>		
Fine Arts Program	135	201
<b>LAW</b>		
Law Schools	60	-
Degree Program: Business / Corporate Law	73	-
Degree Program: Clinical Training	40	-
Degree Program: Constitutional Law	67	-
Degree Program: Contracts / Commercial Law	45	-
Degree Program: Criminal Law	66	-
Degree Program: Dispute Resolution	5	-
Degree Program: Environmental Law	73	-
Degree Program: Health Care Law	32	-
Degree Program: Intellectual Property Law	71	-
Degree Program: International Law	110	-
Degree Program: Legal Writing	1	-
Degree Program: Tax Law	60	-
Degree Program: Trial Advocacy	79	-
<b>MEDICAL</b>		
Medical School - Research Program	Unranked	90
Most Diverse Medical Schools	-	26
Most Graduates Practicing in Medically Underserved Areas	-	50
Most Graduates Practicing in Primary Care Fields	-	30
Most Graduates Practicing in Rural Areas	-	45
Medical School - Primary Care Program	Unranked	84
Nursing - Doctor of Nursing Practice	65	116
Nursing - Master's Schools	66	160
Degree Program: Health Care Management	65	-
Degree Program: Physical Therapy	57	-
<b>SCIENCES &amp; MATHEMATICS</b>		
Degree Program: Biological Science	218	190
Degree Program: Chemistry	RNP	122
Degree Program: Computer Science	-	147
Degree Program: Earth Sciences	78	64
Degree Program: Mathematics	136	-
Degree Program: Physics	139	139
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>		
Public Affairs Program	83	-
Degree Program: Clinical Psychology	101	70
Degree Program: Criminology	29	-
Degree Program: English	99	116
Degree Program: Psychology	190	131
Degree Program: History	113	140
Degree Program: Political Science	89	103
Degree Program: Public Health	114	114
Degree Program: Social Work	77	121
Degree Program: Sociology	84	-
Degree Program: Speech-Language Pathology	-	146