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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 Community 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**.



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