



U.S. News & World Report recognizes AUM for innovation, overall excellence

9/14/2020 - [Auburn University at Montgomery](#) ranked among the top regional universities in the South for its undergraduate teaching and innovative approaches in *U.S. News & World Report's* newly released 2021 Best Colleges survey.

AUM placed 15th among Southern regional comprehensive universities for the quality of its undergraduate teaching and earned a No. 16 regional ranking as one of the most “innovative” universities in the South.

“Being recognized among our peers as a leader in undergraduate teaching is particularly meaningful because it connects to our core mission as a university,” AUM Chancellor Carl A. Stockton said. “This recognition speaks to the quality of our faculty, as well as their commitment to providing a student-centered experience.”

AUM’s placement among the most innovative universities in the region reflects survey results of higher education administrators who were asked to identify “schools to watch” based on “cutting edge” approaches to curriculum, students, faculty, technology, campus life or facilities. Overall, AUM improved its placement among regional public universities from 2020. *U.S. News* ranked AUM No. 31 overall among public universities in the South (up from 33rd in 2020) and 73rd among all colleges (up from 79th in 2020).

In addition to surveying higher education administrators nationwide, *U.S. News* bases its 2021 Best Colleges rankings on a variety of factors, including data on graduation and retention rates, faculty resources and class sizes, student excellence and alumni giving.

Founded in 1967, AUM began serving students in Alabama’s River Region in 1969. Today, it serves a student body of more than 5,000 and offers undergraduate and graduate degree options in more than 90 program areas.

In addition to earning recognition among the Best Colleges in *U.S. News's* 2021 survey, AUM was recently recognized as one of the top universities in the South by *The Princeton Review*. AUM recently earned distinction as the top university in Alabama’s River Region for the third consecutive year, according the voters in the *Montgomery Advertiser's* annual Readers’ Choice Awards, and has been selected as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media.

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