

News Release

For Seventh Consecutive Year, U of M Crookston named "A Best in the Midwest" College by The Princeton Review

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The Princeton Review, an education services company widely known for its test prep programs and college and graduate school guides, named the University of Minnesota Crookston to its "Best in the Midwest" section of its website feature, "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region." The information is posted on the Company's website at www.princetonreview.com/best-regional-colleges.aspx.

U of M Crookston Chancellor Fred Wood says the campus is proud to offer degrees from the University of Minnesota, the state's land grant institution dedicated to promoting access to higher education along with learning, discovery, and engagement for the common good.



"We are certainly pleased to again receive this recognition by The Princeton Review because it serves as a reminder and affirmation for the work of our dedicated faculty and staff," Wood says. "We put students first at the University of Minnesota Crookston, and we strive to offer the highest quality academic experience possible. This honor recognizes our efforts to offer a University of Minnesota degree in a small campus environment that provides our students a truly remarkable experience."

The 155 colleges chosen for its "Best in the Midwest" list are located in twelve states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Princeton Review also designated 226 colleges in the Northeast, 124 in the West, and 138 in the Southeast as best in their locales on the company's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists. Collectively, the 643 colleges named "regional best(s)" constitute about 25% of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

For this project, The Princeton Review asks students attending the schools to rate their own schools on several issues -- from the accessibility of their professors to quality of their science lab facilities -- and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and their campus life.

The schools in The Princeton Review's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" website section are also rated in six categories by The Princeton Review. The ratings, which appear on the school profiles, are scores on a scale of 60 to 99. The Princeton Review tallied these scores based on institutional data it obtained from the colleges in 2012-13 and/or student survey data. The rating score categories include: Academics, Admissions Selectivity, Financial Aid, Fire Safety, Quality of Life, and Green. The Princeton Review explains the criteria for each rating score on its site at www.princetonreview.com/college/college-ratings.aspx. The Princeton Review does not rank the 643 colleges in its "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" list hierarchically or by region or in various categories.

Today the University of Minnesota Crookston delivers 28 bachelor's degree programs, 20 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 11 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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