

News Release

Washington Monthly Names U of M Crookston in Top 100 Baccalaureate Colleges

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The University of Minnesota Crookston has been ranked among the "Top 100 Baccalaureate Colleges" in the U.S. by *Washington Monthly* in its 2016 College Guide. The rankings from *Washington Monthly* were initiated eleven years ago when it was decided to rank schools based on what they had done for their country.

Washington Monthly touts its college rankings as an alternative to rankings done by *U.S. News & World Report* in that the focus is on outcomes, and it uses three evaluative data pillars in its methodology: social mobility, research, and service. These three main categories were weighted equally when calculating the final score.

The publication includes four distinctive categories: National Universities, Liberal Arts Colleges, Master's Universities, and Baccalaureate Colleges. The U of M Crookston came in at #94 among Baccalaureate Colleges, and it is the only Minnesota college on that ranking list. Each category includes both public and private institutions.

For the first time, the annual *Washington Monthly* magazine college guide also included newly available data from the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard, including information such as how much students are earning 10 years after enrolling at a particular college, the percentage of first-generation students enrolled at each school, and how likely they are to be paying down the principal on their loans.

View the "Top 100 Baccalaureate Colleges" ranking list at <http://z.umn.edu/1bvi>. For more information on the methodology used, visit <http://z.umn.edu/1byj>.

The University of Minnesota Crookston now delivers 34 bachelor's degree programs, 22 minors, and 40 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 14 degree programs entirely online. These degrees are offered 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 more than 20 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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