

Several College of Liberal Arts Ph.D. programs received high rankings in the recently released National Research Council (NRC) evaluation of doctoral programs, which compared programs within their disciplines. Programs were ranked and evaluated using a 5th and 95th percentile range. Eight programs in the College of Liberal Arts are in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile rankings.

Programs were ranked in overall performance on the basis of two different methods, survey-based or S and regression-based or R. In the survey-based rankings, five Liberal Arts Ph.D. programs were ranked in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile rankings: American Studies, Communication, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, and Spanish and Portuguese.

In the regression-based rankings, four Liberal Arts Programs were ranked in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile rankings: American Studies, Communication, English, and Spanish and Portuguese.

Programs were also ranked in more specific categories of research activity, student support and outcomes, and diversity.

In the College of Liberal Arts, doctoral programs in American Studies, Communication, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics were ranked in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile rankings for research productivity.

For student support and outcomes, programs in American Studies, Communication, Comparative Literature, History, and Linguistics were ranked in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile rankings.

Doctoral programs in American Studies, Comparative Literature, Linguistics, Political Science, and Spanish and Portuguese were ranked in the top 20 in the fifth-percentile in the diversity category.

For more information on the National Research Council report, see <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/Resdoc/index.htm>