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A graduate degree in biological sciences gives students a broad base of knowledge in the life sciences. The discipline also offers many specialties, such as cell or molecular biology. These are the best schools for biological sciences. Each school's score reflects its average rating on a scale from 1 (marginal) to 5 (outstanding), based on a survey of academics at peer institutions. [Read the methodology »](#)

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Yale University New Haven, CT #6 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Cornell University Ithaca, NY #10 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Duke University Durham, NC #10 in Biological Sciences (tie)
The Scripps Research Institute La Jolla, CA #10 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rockefeller University New York, NY #13 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Chicago Chicago, IL #13 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, MO #13 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Cold Spring Harbor, NY #16 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--San Diego La Jolla, CA #16 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Columbia University New York, NY #18 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Davis Davis, CA #18 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA #18 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center--Dallas Dallas, TX #18 in Biological Sciences (tie)

University of Wisconsin--Madison Madison, WI #18 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Michigan--Ann Arbor Ann Arbor, MI #23 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA #23 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Washington Seattle, WA #23 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Baylor College of Medicine Houston, TX #26 in Biological Sciences
Cornell University (Weill) New York, NY #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Rochester, MN #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Northwestern University Evanston, IL #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign Urbana, IL #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas--Austin Austin, TX #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN #27 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Brown University Providence, RI #33 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Dartmouth College Hanover, NH #33 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Emory University Atlanta, GA

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University of California--Irvine Irvine, CA #33 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Colorado--Boulder Boulder, CO #33 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, NC #33 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Indiana University--Bloomington Bloomington, IN #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Ohio State University Columbus, OH #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rice University Houston, TX #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Santa Barbara Santa Barbara, CA #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Minnesota--Twin Cities St. Paul, MN #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Yeshiva University (Einstein) Bronx, NY #39 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, OH #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Pennsylvania State University--University Park University Park , PA #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)

University of Arizona Tucson, AZ #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Georgia Athens, GA #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Massachusetts Medical Center--Worcester Worcester, MA #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA #46 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Brandeis University Waltham, MA #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai New York, NY #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Oregon Health and Science University Beaverton, OR #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Stony Brook University--SUNY Stony Brook, NY #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Iowa Iowa City, IA #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Massachusetts--Amherst Amherst, MA #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA #54 in Biological Sciences (tie)

Arizona State University Tempe, AZ #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Colorado State University Fort Collins, CO #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
New York University New York, NY #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Purdue University--West Lafayette West Lafayette, IN #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Texas A&M University--College Station College Station, TX #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Alabama--Birmingham Birmingham, AL #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Santa Cruz Santa Cruz, CA #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Maryland--College Park College Park, MD #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Oregon Eugene, OR #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Rochester Rochester, NY #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT #62 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Iowa State University Ames, IA #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, NY #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey--New Brunswick New Brunswick, NJ

#73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Texas A&M Health Science Center--Baylor College of Dentistry Dallas, TX #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Tufts University Medford, MA #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Riverside Riverside, CA #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Florida Gainesville, FL #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Illinois--Chicago Chicago, IL #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Kansas Lawrence, KS #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas Health Science Center--Houston Houston, TX #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Virginia Tech Blacksburg, VA #73 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Baylor University Waco, TX #85 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Boston University Boston, MA #85 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Georgetown University Washington, DC #85 in Biological Sciences (tie)
North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC #85 in Biological Sciences (tie)

University of Connecticut Storrs, CT #85 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Oregon State University Corvallis, OR #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Newark, NJ #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Kentucky Lexington, KY #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Maryland--Baltimore Baltimore, MD #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Miami Coral Gables, FL #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Nebraska--Lincoln Lincoln, NE #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Tennessee--Knoxville Knoxville, TN #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas Health Science Center--San Antonio San Antonio, TX #90 in Biological Sciences (tie)
George Washington University Washington, DC #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Indiana University-Purdue University--Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Kansas State University Manhattan, KS #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Montana State University Bozeman, MT #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)

Northeastern University Boston, MA #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Syracuse, NY #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Tulane University New Orleans, LA #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Colorado--Denver Denver, CO #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Missouri Columbia, MO #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Tennessee Health Science Center Memphis, TN #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas Medical Branch--Galveston Galveston, TX #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Washington State University Pullman, WA #98 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Auburn University Auburn University, AL #112 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA #112 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Claremont Graduate University Claremont, CA #112 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Florida State University

<p>Tallahassee, FL</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Louisiana State University--Baton Rouge</p> <p>Baton Rouge, LA</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Medical College of Wisconsin</p> <p>Milwaukee, WI</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>New York Medical College</p> <p>Valhalla, NY</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Northern Arizona University</p> <p>Flagstaff, AZ</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science</p> <p>North Chicago, IL</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey--Newark</p> <p>Newark, NJ</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>St. Louis University</p> <p>St. Louis, MO</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Syracuse University</p> <p>Syracuse, NY</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences</p> <p>Bethesda, MD</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of Cincinnati</p> <p>Cincinnati, OH</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of Missouri--St. Louis</p> <p>St. Louis, MO</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of Oklahoma</p> <p>Norman, OK</p> <p>#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of Vermont</p> <p>Burlington, VT</p>

#112 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, NC #112 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Brigham Young University Provo, UT #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Loyola University Chicago Chicago, IL #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
SUNY Upstate Medical Center Syracuse, NY #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia, PA #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, AL #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Alaska--Fairbanks Fairbanks, AK #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Hawaii--Manoa Honolulu, HI #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Montana Missoula, MT #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of New Hampshire Durham, NH #130 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Clemson University Clemson, SC #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Georgia State University Atlanta, GA #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)

Indiana State University Terre Haute, IN #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Louisiana State University School of Medicine--New Orleans New Orleans, LA #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Medical University of South Carolina Charleston, SC #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Temple University Philadelphia, PA #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University at Buffalo--SUNY Buffalo, NY #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Little Rock, AR #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Delaware Newark, DE #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Houston Houston, TX #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Idaho Moscow, ID #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Louisville Louisville, KY #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Maryland--Baltimore County Baltimore, MD #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Missouri--Kansas City Kansas City, MO #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of North Carolina--Charlotte Charlotte, NC #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI

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University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee Milwaukee, WI #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Wesleyan University Middletown, CT #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester, MA #140 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Albany Medical College Albany, NY #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
CUNY Graduate School and University Center New York, NY #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Central Michigan University Mount Pleasant, MI #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Clark University Worcester, MA #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
College of William and Mary Williamsburg, VA #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Drexel University Philadelphia, PA #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Miami University Oxford, OH #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
SUNY Downstate Medical Center Brooklyn, NY #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Arkansas--Fayetteville Fayetteville, AR #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Massachusetts--Boston Boston, MA #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)

University of Mississippi Medical Center Jackson, MS #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of South Carolina Columbia, SC #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Wyoming Laramie, WY #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Utah State University Logan , UT #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Virginia Commonwealth University Richmond, VA #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Wayne State University Detroit, MI #159 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Binghamton University--SUNY Binghamton, NY #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Creighton University Omaha, NE #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
East Carolina University Greenville , NC #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago, IL #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Michigan Technological University Houghton, MI #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Mississippi State University Mississippi State, MS #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
New Mexico State University Las Cruces, NM #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)

Portland State University Portland, OR #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
St. John's University Queens, NY #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Alabama--Huntsville Huntsville, AL #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of California--Merced Merced, CA #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Louisiana--Lafayette Lafayette, LA #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth, TX #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas--San Antonio San Antonio, TX #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
West Virginia University Morgantown, WV #175 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Arkansas State University State University, AR #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Fordham University Bronx, NY #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
George Mason University Manassas, VA #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Howard University Washington, DC #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Loma Linda University Loma Linda, CA #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Ohio University Athens, OH

#190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Rush University Chicago, IL #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Southern Illinois University--Carbondale Carbondale, IL #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Texas State University San Marcos, TX #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Tuskegee University Tuskegee, AL #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University at Albany--SUNY Albany, NY #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Central Florida Orlando, FL #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Maine Orono, ME #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Memphis Memphis, TN #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Mississippi University, MS #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Nevada--Reno Reno, NV #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of North Carolina--Greensboro Greensboro, NC #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)

University of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of South Florida Tampa, FL #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas--Arlington Arlington, TX #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Texas--Dallas Dallas, TX #190 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Kent State University Kent, OH #213 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Marquette University Milwaukee, WI #213 in Biological Sciences (tie)
North Dakota State University Fargo, ND #213 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL #213 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of North Texas Denton, TX #213 in Biological Sciences (tie)
American University Washington, DC #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Florida Institute of Technology Melbourne, FL #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Florida International University Miami, FL #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)

Idaho State University Pocatello, ID #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Illinois State University Normal, IL #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Lehigh University Bethlehem, PA #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Marshall University Huntington, WV #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Morehouse College of Medicine Atlanta, GA #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Akron Akron, OH #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
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University of Massachusetts--Lowell Lowell, MA #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Nevada--Las Vegas Las Vegas, NV #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
University of Toledo Toledo, OH #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Wright State University Dayton, OH #218 in Biological Sciences (tie)
Bowling Green State University

<p>Bowling Green, OH</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>East Tennessee State University</p> <p>Johnson City, TN</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Florida A&M University</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Florida Atlantic University</p> <p>Boca Raton, FL</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>Oakland University</p> <p>Rochester, MI</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>South Dakota State University</p> <p>Brookings, SD</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of New Orleans</p> <p>New Orleans, LA</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of South Alabama</p> <p>Mobile, AL</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of South Dakota</p> <p>Vermillion, SD</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
<p>University of Southern Mississippi</p> <p>Hattiesburg, MS</p> <p>#235 in Biological Sciences (tie)</p>
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<p>Meharry Medical College</p> <p>Nashville, TN</p> <p>RNP in Biological Sciences</p>
<p>Old Dominion University</p> <p>Norfolk, VA</p> <p>RNP in Biological Sciences</p>

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