Since its founding Reed College has adhered to a distinctive educational philosophy, a critical component of which is the evaluation and grading of student academic work.

ACADEMIC RIGOR
The average GPA for all students in 2015–16 was 3.11 on a 4.00 scale. This figure has increased by less than 0.15 of a grade point in the past 31 years. During that period, only eleven students have graduated from Reed with perfect 4.00 grade averages.

2015–16 GRADUATING CLASS
10% graduated with a GPA of 3.73 or higher
25% graduated with a GPA of 3.51 or higher
Average GPA—3.21

The absence of grade inflation at Reed reflects the rigor of the academic program and the high standards set by the faculty, rather than any deficiency in the quality of the student body.

GRADING POLICY
Students are encouraged to focus on learning, not on grades. Students are evaluated rigorously, and semester grades are filed with the registrar, but by tradition, students do not receive standard grade reports. Papers and exams are generally returned to students with lengthy comments but without grades affixed. There is no dean’s list or honor roll, and Reed does not award Latin honors at graduation.

THE ENTERING CLASS 2016–17
Reed’s average SAT scores are among the top dozen or so of all liberal arts colleges in the nation.
Average SAT (critical reading, mathematics, and writing)—2,055
Average high school GPA—3.9

SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS
Over the years, Reed students and alumni have won:
32 Rhodes Scholarships (the second highest from a liberal arts college)
99 Fulbright Scholarships
67 Watson Fellowships
25 Goldwater Scholars
169 National Science Foundation fellowships

Eighteen Reed alumni have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Over ten percent of Reed alumni are CEOs, presidents, or owners of private companies.

RANKINGS OF GRADUATES
Reed ranks fourth in the nation among all institutions of higher learning in the per capita production of future Ph.D.s in all disciplines. It ranks third in science and mathematics, third in social sciences, and sixth in humanities and art. Among more specific fields, it ranks second in life sciences, second in humanities, second in social sciences (not including psychology, education, and communications), second in psychology, and fourth in physical sciences. (Source: National Science Foundation and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System data, based on doctoral degrees awarded 2004-2013).

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