

Grades at Reed

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 undergraduate students in 2019–20 was 3.21 on a 4.00 scale. This figure has increased by only a quarter of a grade point in the past 40 years. During that period, only 12 students have graduated from Reed with perfect 4.00 grade averages.

2019–20 GRADUATING CLASS

10% graduated with a GPA of 3.74 or higher

25% graduated with a GPA of 3.55 or higher

Average GPA: 3.25

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 receive extensive feedback on their work, 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 OF 2024

Average combined SAT: 1394

Median composite ACT: 31

Average high school GPA: 4.0

SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Reed students and alumni have won

32 Rhodes Scholarships (the second highest from a liberal arts college)

116 Fulbright Scholarships

71 Watson Fellowships

27 Goldwater Scholarships

191 National Science Foundation Fellowships

Nineteen Reed alumni have been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. About nine 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 PhDs in all disciplines. It ranks fifth in science and mathematics, third in social sciences, and fourth in humanities and art. Among more specific fields, it ranks second in life sciences, second in humanities, third in social sciences (not including psychology, education, and communications), second in psychology, and third in physical sciences. (Source: National Science Foundation and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System data, based on doctoral degrees awarded 2005–2014.)

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