

UCSD ranked among top colleges and universities in the United States in "Selective Guide to Colleges, 1982-83" published by New York Times

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The University of California, San Diego has ranked among the top colleges and universities in the United States in the recently released "Selective Guide to Colleges, 1982-83" published by The New York Times.

The book, edited by Times education editor Edward B. Fiske, rates 265 schools on everything from the equipment in the biology laboratories to the ambience in the dorms. The schools are ranked from 1 to 5 stars in each of three categories - academics, social atmosphere and quality of life (which includes such things as food, climate and degree of stress).

UC San Diego was in a group of 21 schools (including Yale, Harvard, Holy Cross and Vanderbilt) which received 12 stars - four in each of the three categories. Eleven schools received 13 stars and three (Brown, Stanford and the University of Virginia) received 14 stars. No school received a perfect score of 15.

According to The New York Times, "UC San Diego has won regional renown as 'the math and science school on the beach' - the perfect place for bright beach bums." The guide also ranked San Diego's science and engineering programs as "top notch" and said "Computer science and the premed program in biology are especially good, but you simply can't go wrong in any of the hard sciences."

Political science, anthropology and psychology are relatively strong, the guide said, and imaginative interdisciplinary offerings include computer music and a psychology/ computer science program in artificial intelligence.

San Diego undergraduates, according to the guide, "manage to combine a rigorous scientific education with the hedonistic pleasures of sand and surf. Their kick-back style, Frisbees, and flip-flops notwithstanding, most are exceptionally serious students. They just happen to prefer beaches as well as books."

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