

## **DATA SUMMARY**

### **U.S. News Graduate Program Rankings, 2009-10**

**Data.** *U.S. News & World Report* published its 2009-10 “America’s Best Graduate Schools” issue in May 2009. Only selected rankings are published. Many more are available on the web at <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools>.

The ranking methodology is described as follows:

These rankings are based on two types of data: expert opinions about program quality and statistical indicators that measure the quality of a school's faculty, research, and students. These data come from surveys of more than 1,200 programs and some 11,000 academics and professionals that were conducted in fall 2008.

The exact methodology varies by field. Details are available at <http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/best-graduate-schools/2009/04/22/about-the-rankings-2010.html>.

**Results.** Stony Brook has thirteen programs ranked in the top 50 in 2009-10: clinical psychology (9), physician's assistant (11), physics (23), mathematics (24), geology/earth science (28), nursing-midwifery (29), computer science (31), political science (33), sociology (41), medical school-for primary care (45), biological sciences (48), chemistry (50), and psychology (50). Three engineering programs ranked as subspecialties are also in the top 50: materials science (43), biomedical/bioengineering (47), and computer engineering (48). Four other subspecialty programs are in the top 25: nuclear physics (4), geometry (6), topology (13), and American politics (20).

Eight programs appear in the published magazine: clinical psychology, physician assistant education, physics, mathematics, computer science, medical school (primary care), biological sciences, and psychology. Two subspecialties also appear: nuclear physics and geometry.

*US News* does not rank every program every year. This year they updated the rankings for the social and behavioral sciences, English, engineering, and medicine. Psychology and the medical school—rated for primary care—moved into the top 50 as a result of these updates. The other new rankings were very similar to the previous ones, and no program was moved out of the top-50 group by the update. In addition to the “Best Graduate Schools” publication, the medical school rankings also appeared in the May 2009 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* in an article on graduate schools.

These results are summarized in the attached table. Detail on the ranks of other programs and rankings history is available from Institutional Research.

Stony Brook University Rankings in  
*U.S. News & World Report*  
America's Best Graduate Schools 2010  
May 2009

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**4 programs ranked in the top 50 in 2009**

Political Science (33) (29)

Sociology (41) (38)

\*Medical School--Primary Care (45) (NR)

\*Psychology (50) (66)

**4 subspecialty programs in the top 50 in 2009**

American Politics (20) (21)

Materials Science (43) (47)

Biomedical/Bioengineering (47) (44)

Computer Engineering (48) (49)

**9 programs in the top 50 from prior-year rankings**

\*Clinical Psychology (9) (15)

\*Physician Assistant (11) (NR)

\*Physics (23) (22)

\*Mathematics (24) (26)

Geology/Earth Science (28) (25)

Nursing--Midwifery (29) (35)

\*Computer Science (31) (34)

\*Biological Sciences (48) (40)

Chemistry (50) (56)

**3 subspecialties in the top 25 from prior-year rankings**

\*Nuclear Physics (4) (4)

\*Geometry (6) (7)

Topology (13) (14)

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Prior ranking in gray

\* Cited in the published magazine. Other rankings are from  
the *U.S. News* website.