TABLE 26: 1.   METHODOLOGIES

Table 26.1.A: WSJ/THE College Rankings 2017

WSJ/THE   **Methodology for the Student-Centered Pillars**

RESOURCES 30%	ENGAGEMENT 20%	OUTCOMES 40%	ENVIRONMENT 10%
Finance per student - 11%	**Student Engagement 7%**	**Graduate Salary (value added)**	**Student Diversity 3%**
Faculty per student - 11%	**Student Recommendations 6%**	**Graduation Rate 11% [1]**	**Staff Diversity 3%**
Research Output per faculty 8% [2]	**Interactions with teacher/students 4%**	**Academic Reputation 13%**	**Student Inclusion 2%**
	Accredited programs 3%	**Loan Repayment (Value added) 7%**	**Proportion of international students 2% [2]**

1 - Metric used by U.S. government and the NCAA
2. Metrics used in world rankings (with different weightings)

Data sources: THE US Student Survey, Integrated and Post-Secondary Data System- a system that is not so easy to use https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/

College Scorecard: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) https://bea.gov/

THE Academic survey

Elsevier bibliometric data

More detail is available at: https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/wall-street-journal-times-higher-education-college-rankings-methodology   and in the digital supplement.

TABLE 26. 1 B: U.S.News & World Report Best Colleges Methodology

Categories	Percent
Graduation and retention rates Freshmen returning for sophomore year; Students graduating in six years	22.5%
Undergraduate academic reputation College administrators for all colleges; High school counselors for national colleges	22.5%
Faculty Resources Class size Faculty salary (adjusted) Faculty with highest degree in field **Student/faculty ratio** Full-time faculty	20.0%
Student selectivity SAT or ACT scores Top 10% of class (Ntl) ; top 25% regional Acceptance rate	12.5%
Financial Resources	10.0%
Graduation rate	7.5%
Alumni giving	5.0%

Highlighted indicators map to WSJ/THE

More details at: Morse, R., Brooks, E and Mason, M. (12 Sept 2016) How U.S.News calculated the 2017 best colleges ranking. https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings

These two indicators are the same for both rankings