

RANKINGS

2025-2026



**NATIONAL LIBERAL
ARTS COLLEGE**

SOCIAL MOBILITY

Westmont Shines in Latest Rankings

For more than two decades, U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges has listed Westmont as one of the top 10 liberal arts colleges in California. Overall, Westmont continues to be one of the top two nationally ranked members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Westmont is a top performer on the U.S. News Social Mobility ranking, which measures how well schools enrolled and graduated students who received federal Pell Grants. U.S. News also included Westmont in its national rankings of Best Undergraduate Economic Programs.

Westmont's U.S. News score improved in faculty salary, student-to-faculty ratio (11:1), financial resources and Pell Grant graduation rate.

Forbes

**AMERICA'S TOP
COLLEGES**

Forbes

Forbes' annual ranking of America's Top Colleges includes Westmont as among 500 "that shine." Forbes says its ranking showcases colleges that "produce successful, high-earning and influential graduates from all economic backgrounds, with less student debt." Forbes ranks Westmont at No. 8 for Small Colleges in California – the top Christian college in that category – and No. 21 for Average Grant Aid in California (\$32,414).



Best Colleges

Money recognized Westmont as one of America's Best Colleges 2025, which analyzed more than 700 of the country's top colleges and universities for value, graduation rate, alumni outcomes and more.

**Washington
MONTHLY**

Washington Monthly's rankings, which reward access, affordability, student outcomes and social service, lists Westmont in the top 10 for best liberal arts colleges in California.

Westmont is listed for Best Colleges in California in **Niche** College Rankings' Best Colleges in America.

NICHE

College Raptor's 2025 Hidden Gem Colleges ranks Westmont No. 1 for Overall Ranking and Graduation Percentage for the Pacific West Conference. Westmont ranks No. 1 out of 2,210 colleges with the nation's lowest 3-year student loan default rate.

CollegeRaptor

Best College Towns

WorldAtlas ranked Santa Barbara as No. 3 in its **Best College Towns in California**.

"Not only beloved for the towns refreshing coastal scenery, picture-perfect architecture, and perfect climate often described as Mediterranean and dubbed the American Riviera, Santa Barbara also boasts great opportunities for higher education."

U.S. News and World Report's 10 Destination West Coast College Towns says "for many students, attending college in a beach town is an easy sell. Santa Barbara offers a palm-lined beachfront location on the Pacific Ocean."



WESTMONT
SANTA BARBARA

WHY WESTMONT?

The value of Westmont lies in educating the whole person and caring about every aspect of your life. You'll find a home in a loving, hospitable community on a beautiful Santa Barbara campus that nurtures your mind, your faith, your character, your purpose, your future and your joy.



PREPARE FOR A PROFESSION

Learn to lead and serve in every sphere of society. Through classes, internships, and research with professors, you'll get hands-on experience that takes you further. Discover a strong network of alums, parents, advisers and friends. Westmont will set you on a path to a profession that fits you. Ninety percent of the class of 2022 found work or enrolled in graduate school within six months of earning their degrees.



GAIN AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

We want to work with you to make college affordable. Westmont provided \$39 million in grants and scholarships last year, assisting 95 percent of our students. Money's 2024 Best Colleges rating, which analyzed more than 700 four-year colleges with a focus on quality, affordability and student outcomes, recognized Westmont with four-out-of-five stars. LendEDU ranks Westmont highly in California for helping students afford tuition. Our four-year graduation rate (72 percent) exceeds the four-year national graduation rate (48 percent) by 24 percentage points and the six-year national graduation rate (64 percent) by eight percentage points. Twenty-one percent of Westmont students graduate early.



A HOLISTIC, TIMELESS EDUCATION

Westmont integrates academic rigor, personal development and global exploration, staying true to its enduring mission of preparing students for lives of impact. Our robust curriculum provides the high-quality, faith-based education of a true honors college. An exceptional approach to learning — small class sizes, expert professors and a focus on research — challenges students to think deeply and learn broadly.



ETERNITY DESERVES A DEEPER LOOK

Dig deeper, push your faith, expand your knowledge and search your soul to understand why you believe what you believe. Westmont professors bring their faith into the classroom and challenge you to think like a Christian. Chapel services during the week, small Bible study groups, participation in local churches and volunteer ministry work all help you make your faith your own. Become the person God created you to be. Learn to live with deeper purpose and meaning.



REFINE YOUR CHARACTER

Learn how to make difficult decisions rooted in your faith and values. You'll explore how to live with integrity and discover deeper purpose in your life. Living in a Christian community like Westmont will shape and refine your character and help you learn how to invest yourself in the people around you. You'll discover how to lead with integrity — and how to serve — in every sphere of society throughout the world.



A TRADITION OF MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Students thrive in a close-knit community where deep connections with faculty, staff and peers foster a sense of belonging and personal enrichment. Students truly enjoy life on campus! Get involved in clubs, Bible studies, intramural sports, study groups, adventure trips, and more! Immerse yourself in beautiful Santa Barbara. Students embrace the strong sense of community and wide range of vibrant activities locally and all that California offers. Our incredible location in a city rich in Spanish and Mediterranean heritage and culture set between mountains and ocean offers so many opportunities for recreation, the arts, history, inspiration and exploration.

YOU'LL FEEL AT HOME HERE. YOU BELONG HERE.