

# UI law school jumps 16 spots in US News rankings

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**MOSCOW, Idaho – March 17, 2016** — The University of Idaho College of Law climbed 16 spots on the [U.S. News & World Report](#) rankings of best law schools in the nation, up to position 111. This significant rise is one of the highest in the country and puts the college ahead of other law schools in Eastern Washington, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota. The University of Idaho College of Law is the only ranked law school in the state.

“While rankings can be one of many ways to evaluate the quality of a law school, this leap signifies how our reputation continues to grow in a positive direction,” said Mark L. Adams, dean of the College of Law. “Our faculty are experts in their fields yet they make themselves accessible to students. We provide an affordable and stellar education. And our career development center works diligently to help our students find jobs post-graduation.”

Several factors caused these positive results. Among the reasons for the increased rank was the rise in median undergraduate GPA and LSAT scores in the fall 2015 entering class, as well as elevated employment outcomes for graduates. The median undergraduate GPA went up .03 to a 3.18 and the median LSAT score went up 1 point to 152. The Class of 2014 had an employment rate of 79 percent in positions where bar passage is required or a Juris Doctor degree is an advantage. Employment statistics being collected now from the admissions staff on the Class of 2015 appear to be strong as well, Adams said.

As a result of the college’s curricular growth in Boise, a rise in expenditures per student on instruction costs also helped improve the ranking. The dual location model has also increased the number of faculty at the college, lowering the faculty student ratio to 9.9 students to every 1 faculty member. Lastly, score increases in reputation surveys with members of the legal academy, and bench and bar contributed to the rise.

For more information about the ranking process visit [usnews.com](http://usnews.com) or [click here](#) to see UI’s profile on the site.