Out of 381 colleges and universities, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette ranked No. 293 in a tie with multiple other schools, according to U.S. News & World Report. According to their methodology page, they take multiple factors into consideration, such as ACT/SAT scores, graduation rates and student-faculty ratios.

Schools are separated into four different categories: national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional universities and regional colleges. UL Lafayette falls into the national universities category.

The website also lists some information about UL Lafayette. For instance, it states the median starting salary of alumni is $46,300. It also states the average 6-year graduation rate is 45%. According to the website, there are 34.6% of classes with fewer than 20 students and 9% of classes with fifty or more students. The ratio of students to faculty is 19:1.

Tuition and Fees for in-state students add up to $9,912, whereas out-of-state students are expected to pay $23,640. Room and board averages to $10,604. The undergraduate enrollment is 15,073, and the total enrollment is 17,123. The school has a rolling application deadline. The campus is 1,400 acres large.

UL Lafayette has a 100% five point rating on the website due to the single review left by user “Cajun” from Houston. In the review, Cajun described themselves as an alumni and stated, “Love the university and the community!” They gave the categories activities and social life, classes and teachers, and dorms and housing four points each. They also gave city and setting, dining and food, and health and safety five points each.

UL Lafayette also placed in multiple other categories. The categories include best business programs (No. 292), top performers on social mobility (No. 254 as a tie), and best undergraduate engineering programs (No. 170 in a tie).

The many graduate programs at UL Lafayette were also ranked, with speech-language pathology doing the best at No. 81 in a tie, and biological sciences doing the worst in a tie for No. 175. In between those fell engineering (No. 156 in a tie), nursing schools: masters (No. 156 in a tie), nursing schools: doctor of nursing practice (No. 143 in a tie), and computer science (No. 133 in a tie.)

The online programs were noticed as well, including the online graduate nursing programs (No. 65 in a tie), online bachelor’s programs (No. 114 in a tie), online MBA programs (No. 153 in a tie), and online graduate education programs (No. 166 in a tie).

Mary Farmer-Kaiser, Ph.D, dean of the graduate school, told KATC that the high rankings of the graduate school programs is partly attributed to a focus on adding programs and increasing ways to make those programs more accessible, including online options. “An important part of that growth is to make our programs more accessible to all students, including not only for working professionals and part-time students, but also full-time students in our research areas,” Farmer-Kaiser told KATC.