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**General News**

**OTTERBEIN CONTINUES TO BE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BY  
*U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT***

In the *U.S. News and World Report's 2007 Guide to America's Best Colleges*, Otterbein College is ranked seventh among the Midwest's 107 Comprehensive Colleges.

This year, Otterbein ranked second in the Midwest in its assessment by peer colleges and among the 15 Ohio colleges in its category, the College earned the highest peer assessment.

In addition, Otterbein had the second highest average graduation rate among Ohio colleges in its category and eighth in the Midwest. Its student to faculty ratio was the lowest in Ohio, reflecting Otterbein's reputation for providing personal attention to its students.

According to the guide, Comprehensive Colleges are "institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing and education."

Otterbein competed with 107 colleges from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri for this honor. The rankings are based on 15 measures of "academic excellence," which fall into seven categories, peer assessment being the most important. Other categories include retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performances and alumni giving rates. For a more detailed report, visit [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

Otterbein College is a private, co-educational, liberal arts college founded in 1847 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Located in Westerville, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, Otterbein enrolls approximately 3,100 students, including more than 600 adult students in the Continuing Studies and Graduate Studies programs. Otterbein offers 56 majors, as well as individualized fields of study. Master's degree programs are offered in education, nursing and business administration. Accredited since 1913 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Otterbein consistently ranks in the top 10 comprehensive colleges in the Midwest in *U.S. News and World Report's Guide to America's Best Colleges*.

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