

Oklahoma State University ranked as one of nation's best values

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Kiplinger bases its college rankings on a combination of outstanding academic quality and an affordable price tag. In addition to cost and financial aid, the rankings look at freshman ACT and SAT scores, admission rates, freshman retention rates, student-faculty ratios, and four- and six-year graduation rates.

“Oklahoma State University has long offered students an outstanding learning experience and excellent value and we are pleased to be recognized among the nation's best,” said OSU President Burns Hargis.

“In today's challenging economic times, we are more committed than ever to provide our students a top-quality education at the best price possible. An OSU education offers unique learning and research opportunities that better prepare students for success in a rapidly changing world,” Hargis said.

Based on tuition and mandatory fees, OSU is the best bargain in the Big 12 Conference. OSU is a comprehensive land-grant university that offers students more than 350 undergraduate and graduate degrees and options, as well as professional degree programs in medicine and veterinary medicine.

OSU, which started its spring semester Monday, has more than 22,700 students on its Stillwater and Tulsa campuses, and more than 32,000 students across its five campuses, which along with Stillwater and Tulsa, includes OSU-Oklahoma City, OSU-Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa and the OSU Institute for Technology in Okmulgee.

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