From the cascading mountains to its stunning red rock formations, Utah's breathtaking vistas are a sight to behold. The Beehive State is where some of the world’s most exciting outdoor recreational fun can be had. Activities like mountain biking, fishing, snowboarding and skiing at eight world-class resorts are just a short drive from the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City. Utah is also home to five national parks and more than 40 state parks for hiking, rock climbing, whitewater rafting and camping.

There is also plenty of exciting nightlife just minutes from campus. Professional sports teams such as Real Salt Lake, the Utah Jazz, as well as the University of Utah's nationally ranked football, basketball and gymnastic teams offer year-round excitement. Nearby Park City also plays host to the world-renowned Sundance Film Festival, and FanX has become one of the country’s most successful pop-culture conventions. Or you can take in fixtures such as Ballet West, the Utah Symphony and our lively theater scene.

Here's how we rank nationally in recreation:

- #2 Best Ski Vacations in the USA — U.S. News & World Report
- #2 Best States for Winter Activities — GoAllOutdoors.com
- #2 Happiest States in America — WalletHub
- #3 Best Ski Resorts in North America (Snowbird) — ZRankings
- #4 Top Ski Resorts in North America (Snowbird and Alta) — USA Today
- #4 Most Attractive City (Salt Lake City) — Travel & Leisure
- #5 Best-Looking Cities — Total Beauty
- #5 Top 10 Highest Well-Being States — Gallup

Utah is home to one the most robust economies and fastest-growing tech sectors in the country. Here is how we stack up to the rest of the country.

**UTAH**
- #1 Best Economy — 24/7 Wall St.
- #1 Most Independent State — WalletHub
- #1 Best State for Employment — U.S. News & World Report
- #1 Best State for Entrepreneurs — Forbes
- #1 State for the Middle Class — SmartAsset
- #1 Best States to Start a Business — Seek Business Capital

**SALT LAKE CITY**
- #1 Best Cities for Millennials — Rent.com
- #1 Best Place to Start a Career — WalletHub
- #1 Most Fiscally Fit Cities — State Farm Insurance/Best Places
- #3 Best Cities to Start a Career — Zippia
- #4 Best Cities for Singles — WalletHub
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

The University of Utah provides more than 32,000 students with a collaborative environment in which they can play a meaningful role in landmark research and innovation. The U is ranked in the top 150 among the best 500 universities in the 2019 Academic Ranking of World Universities by Shanghai Jiao Tong University and is a Carnegie Foundation RU/VH: Research University. It was also recently named the newest member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, marking it as one of the most outstanding academic institutions in the nation.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

At the forefront of a statewide initiative to increase the number of engineering and computer science degrees, the College of Engineering has been key in helping our local economy grow. Through spring 2020, we have awarded 1,082 degrees, more than doubling our output of graduates in the last 15 years. In 2020, engineering-related research has grown to more than $97 million.