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USF St. Petersburg is ranked 38th among the top regional public universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

The ranking is included in the 2014 edition of U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges released Tuesday. The rankings also place USF St. Petersburg 80th among all universities in the South.

This year’s freshman class at USFSP is the highest quality in its history, with an average high school GPA of 3.78, an increase of 6.2 percent over last year, and an average SAT score of 1127, an increase of 5.1 percent.

“We are pleased that USF St. Petersburg is attracting students of increasingly higher caliber,” said USF St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. “The new ranking by U.S. News & World Report confirms that USF St. Petersburg is a special place.”

USF St. Petersburg is a separately accredited institution within the USF System, offering master’s level and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and education in a student-centered environment. More than 6,000 students take classes at USFSP.

After debuting two years ago at 38th among top regional public universities in the South, USFSP moved up to 30th last year. This year’s ranking is the result of changes in the criteria used by U.S. News & World Report.

“U.S. News made significant changes this year to the Best Colleges ranking methodology…” the magazine reported. “As a result...many schools’ ranks changed in the 2014 edition of the Best Colleges rankings compared with the 2013 edition. If a school’s ranking data changed in the 2014 edition compared with the 2013 edition, this could have had an impact on its new overall rank.”

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