

Foundational Courses

Listed by 1997-98 rank

	1964-65	1989-90	1997-98	1964-1997 change
Colgate	19	45	47	+28
Pomona	19	34	35	+16
Middlebury	24	25	34	+10
College of William and Mary	26	31	32	+6
Smith	47	34	32	-15
Vassar	23	30	30	+7
Washington and Lee	23	29	29	+6
Bowdoin	20	29	28	+8
Carleton	21	31	28	+7
Colby	29	29	28	-1
Hamilton	13	26	28	+15
Swarthmore	29	34	25	-4
Bates	14	24	24	+10
Wellesley	26	27	24	-2
Davidson	19	22	22	+3
Mount Holyoke	27	29	22	-5
Barnard	29	32	21	-8
Bryn Mawr	27	41	21	-6
Williams	27	20	21	-6
Grinnell	26	20	20	-6
Amherst	19	21	19	0
Wesleyan	21	25	18	-3
Trinity	36	26	16	-20
Haverford	16	19	15	-1
Oberlin	26	26	14	-12
TOTALS	606	709	633	+27

NOTE: Foundational courses are defined as those covering a major period, movement, or genre; or about an author or authors; or pertaining to a single country. The bulk of readings should be in literature written 50 years or more before the catalog year. Foundational courses do not include composition or writing courses, courses in literary criticism, literary theory courses, or theme courses.