

QUINCY COLLEGE



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Online College Plan: Quincy College offers Best Return on Investment in New England for online course offerings

Quincy College ranked #1 in New England, #9 Nationally as Top Online Community College with Best Return on Investment for Online Students

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Quincy, MA (9/9/16) - On the heels of a #1 Ranking of Quincy College as #1 College for Adult Learners by *Washington Monthly*, Quincy College has been nationally ranked as a Top Online Community College with the Best Return on Investment (ROI), appearing at #9 of community colleges reviewed by OnlineCollegePlan.com. Quincy College was the only Massachusetts school listed and the only school in New England to appear in the Top Online Community College with Best ROI Ranking. The ranking featured community colleges in New Jersey, Texas, Florida, Arizona, Kansas, and Washington State.

OnlineCollegePlan.com is an online resource created to assist parents and students alike in learning about all of the options available and how to plan ahead for an online college education. Their annual rankings include over 20 different rankings looking at data from 2 year and 4 year colleges nationally. The website has published rankings for online colleges that provide the best ROI, Affordability, Best Website Design, Best Degree Programs, and Retention Rates.

The ranking conducted by Online College Plan.com leveraged data from College Measures, a database tool created by the American Institutes for Research and Optimum Advisors, focused on using data to drive improvement in higher education outcomes in the United States.

This ranking of community colleges listed by ROI reflect data from the first five years from CollegeMeasures, a database which compiles information about 2 and 4 year colleges. Leveraging the data, the staff at Online College Plan reviewed college websites to determine the percentage of online courses and programs. Colleges listed which had expanded into 4 year colleges were eliminated. Data from the [National Center for Education Statistics](http://NationalCenterforEducationStatistics) was utilized to determine a college's ROI percentage along with average annual tuition from the 2015 to 2016 college year. The ROI is based on data from all students attending the college, online, and in-person. All colleges are 2-year Public colleges with distance education offerings through at least one branch of the same college. Quincy College received a ROI percentage of 26.4%.

"In recent years, Quincy College has made great strides forward offering a competitive online learning program. Quincy College currently offers over 25 courses fully online. Recognizing the growing need of our students who are often place bound and unable to make it to campus when working full time, our online courses are completed at a time and place convenient for the student. For the fully online courses, there is no requirement to attend any classes on campus. Typically, online courses require more reading and writing than a similar course offered on campus. Ahead of registering for an online course, we encourage students to take an Online Readiness Assessment," said Michael Marrapodi, Quincy College Dean of Online Programs and Inter-Institutional Affairs.

Quincy College also offers courses in both traditional 15-week and intensive abbreviated FLEX semester formats as well as during days, evenings, and weekends. These options help expand access and opportunity for all students, from recent high school graduates to out-of-work or career-changing adults seeking a new skill set or the foundation needed for baccalaureate degrees.

For more information about Quincy College's Online College Plan.com rankings and previous accolades, please visit: www.quincycollege.edu/bestinclass.

To review Online College Plan methodology and the full list of higher education institutions ranked, please visit: <http://www.onlinecollegeplan.com/online-community-colleges-best-roi/>.

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ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world.

For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu