



Courses with class

Oklahoma standout makes a rare significant leap up the annual Golfweek's Best Campus Courses list | By Jason Lusk

There's rarely much change on the Golfweek's Best Campus Courses list, with The Course at Yale a perennial No. 1. But a fairly recent redesign in Norman, Okla., has seen one course make a significant leap up the annual rankings.

The Jimmie Austin Golf Club at the University of Oklahoma, originally laid out by Perry Maxwell to open in 1951 and reworked by Bob Cupp in 1996, saw another major renovation

completed by Tripp Davis in 2017. Davis, a member of the 1989 Oklahoma national-championship team, focused on the natural attributes of the site to embrace Maxwell's influence. Davis also has built a four-hole practice loop named the Ransom Course for the Sooners golf teams, although that is not part of the ranking seen here.

Golfweek's raters have been impressed, as the course jumped 14 spots to No. 6 on this year's Campus Courses list. The top five on the list remained the same,

with Yale on top.

This list includes two prep academies – No. 2 Culver Academies Golf Course and No. 28 Hotchkiss Golf Course, both nine-holers – as the rankings are not intended to include only colleges but any campus course.

One course that would have made the list, Birdwood at the University of Virginia, is not included this year because it is closed while it undergoes a major renovation by Davis Love III's design firm. **Gwk**

COURTESY OF TRIPP DAVIS/BRANDEN HART

PICTURED:
Jimmie Austin
Golf Club



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LEFT:
The Course at Yale

Golfweek's Best Campus Courses 2019

Courses are rated by *Golfweek's* national group of players, with ratings based on multiple criteria such as memorability of the holes and the "walk-in-the-park-test." The raters then give each course an overall rating.

Course (2018)	Location	Architect(s)	Year opened	Avg. rating
1. (1) The Course at Yale	New Haven, Conn.	Charles Blair Macdonald, Seth Raynor	1926	7.41
2. (2) Culver Academies GC*	Culver, Ind.	William B. Langford, Theodore J. Moreau	1924	7.18
3. (3) Taconic GC	Williamstown, Mass.	Wayne Stiles, John Van Kleek	1927	6.87
4. (4) The Rawls Course at Texas Tech	Lubbock, Texas	Tom Doak	2003	6.55
5. (5) University Ridge GC	Madison, Wis.	Robert Trent Jones Jr.	1991	6.48
6. (20) Jimmie Austin GC	Norman, Okla.	Perry Maxwell, Bob Cupp, Tripp Davis	1951	6.42
7. (6) Ohio State University (Scarlet)	Columbus, Ohio	Alister MacKenzie	1938	6.22
8. (7) Palouse Ridge GC	Pullman, Wash.	John Harbottle III	2008	6.17
9. (11) Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.	Pete Dye	2006	6.17
10. (10) Stanford GC	Stanford, Calif.	George C. Thomas Jr., William P. Bell, John Harbottle III	1930	6.12
11. (8) The Orchards	South Hadley, Mass.	Donald Ross	1922	6.11
12. (9) University of Michigan GC	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Alister MacKenzie	1931	6.09
13. (13) Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex (Kampen)	West Lafayette, Ind.	Pete Dye	1998	6.03
14. (12) University of Georgia GC	Athens, Ga.	Robert Trent Jones Sr., Davis Love III	1968	6.02
15. (18) University of New Mexico (Championship)	Albuquerque, N.M.	Red Lawrence	1967	6.01
16. (16) Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw	1999	5.99
17. (14) Course at Sewanee	Sewanee, Tenn.	Gil Hanse	2013	5.98
18. (17) Duke University GC	Durham, N.C.	Robert Trent Jones Sr., Rees Jones	1957	5.91
19. (25) UNC Finley Golf Course	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Tom Fazio	1999	5.88
20. (24) Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex (Ackerman-Allen)	West Lafayette, Ind.	William H. Diddel, Pete Dye	2016	5.88
21. (15) The Walker Course at Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	DJ DeVictor	1995	5.87
22. (19) Radrick Farms	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Pete Dye	1965	5.85
23. (29) Michigan State Forest Akers (West)	East Lansing, Mich.	W. Bruce Matthews, Arthur Hills	1958	5.83
24. (21) Mark Bostick GC	Gainesville, Fla.	Donald Ross, Bobby Weed	1921	5.76
25. (NR) Eisenhower GC (Blue) at USAFA	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Robert Trent Jones Sr.	1959	5.73
26. (22) Vanderbilt Legends Club (North)	Franklin, Tenn.	Bob Cupp and Tom Kite	1992	5.73
27. (23) Furman University GC	Greenville, S.C.	Richard Webel and Walter Cosby, Kris Spence, Scot Sherman	1955	5.67
28. (NR) Hotchkiss GC*	Lakeville, Conn.	Seth Raynor, Charles Banks	1924	5.64
29. (30) Lonnie Poole GC	Raleigh, N.C.	Arnold Palmer	2009	5.52
30. (27) Colbert Hills	Manhattan, Kan.	Jim Colbert	2000	5.52

* prep academies