

Isenberg School of Management Part-Time MBA Ranked #16 in the Nation by **U.S. News and World Report**

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AMHERST, Mass. – The Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is ranked amongst the best part-time MBA programs in the country, according to U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Business Programs. The Isenberg part-time MBA was ranked 16th overall, and 9th amongst public universities out of 212 schools ranked by the publication.

This is the third consecutive year that Isenberg's program has ascended in the rankings. Isenberg has jumped a full 12 placements in overall rankings since 2013 and up 8 placements amongst public universities since 2013.

The U.S. News part-time MBA ranking is based on five factors: average peer assessment score, the average GMAT score and average GRE quantitative and verbal scores of part-time MBA students entering in fall 2013, their average undergraduate GPA, work experience, and the percentage of the business school's fall 2013 MBA enrollment that is part time. The statistical data were collected in fall 2013 and early 2014.

"Clearly our program attracts some of the brightest and most ambitious graduate students around, setting us apart from other programs," says John Wells, Associate Dean of Professional Programs. "As part of the Flagship Campus of University of Massachusetts at Amherst, we're proud to offer a fully accredited MBA program in a blended, flexible format that helps working professionals take the next step in their career."

The new part-time report follows the U.S. News and World Report's January Best Online Graduate programs report, where Isenberg's Online MBA also received top honors. The Isenberg Online MBA was ranked 27th overall, and 23rd amongst public universities out of 172 schools ranked by the publication.

Mark A. Fuller, Dean of the Isenberg School of Management, says this latest report and momentum in the rankings reinforces what the Isenberg community is all about: "The unifying skills for Isenberg students are resilience, innovativeness, and a strong work ethic focused on getting the job done. It's gratifying to see our part-time MBA students, and the faculty and staff who support them, be recognized as one of the top programs in the nation." Link to the rankings can be found here: http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-business-schools/part-time-rankings

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About Isenberg School of Management:

Founded in 1947, the Isenberg School of Management on the University of Massachusetts flagship Amherst campus has 42,000 alumni in 72 countries. Isenberg offers its AACSB-accredited courses to 4,500 students on campus, online, and in blended formats. The School's 3,200 undergraduates major in seven business disciplines, including industry specialties such as hospitality & tourism management and sport management. Over 1,300 students are enrolled in the Isenberg MBA and they can focus their studies in Health Care Administration, Entrepreneurship, Finance and Marketing.

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