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RE: US NEWS & World Report 2020 Best Graduate Schools Rankings

The 2020 Best Graduate Schools edition was released to the public on March 12th. It features information and rankings in business, education, engineering, law, medicine, health sciences, public affairs, nursing and other areas. Not all programs are ranked every year, although the US News Best Graduate Schools publication and the website content present the most recent rankings for every program, whether they were ranked in 2020 or not. As a result, some of the published rankings are from last year or several years ago. The comparisons of 2020 rankings to past rankings below use the most recent previous rankings.

Below are some highlights from UIC’s 2020 rankings. In addition, enclosed is a historical table of all UIC rankings from US News Best Graduate Schools rankings.

- The College of Nursing DNP program improved from 12th to 7th and the MS program improved from 18th to 16th.
  - College of Nursing specialty programs ranked in the top 20 include (in order of 2020 ranking):
    - Nurse Practitioner: Gerontology, Acute Care improved from 13th to 6th
    - Nurse Practitioner: Psychiatric improved from 12th to 11th
    - Nurse Practitioner: Family improved from 12th to 11th
    - Nursing Administration declined from 4th to 16th.
The College of Engineering declined from 65th to 69th
  o College of Engineering specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of 2020 ranking):
    ➢ Biomed Engineering remained the same at 45th
    ➢ Mechanical Engineering improved from 59th to 58th
    ➢ Industrial Engineering declined from 54th to 60th
    ➢ Computer Engineering declined from 55th to 61st
    ➢ Electrical Engineering improved from 69th to 62nd
    ➢ Chemical Engineering declined from 61st to 64th
    ➢ Materials Engineering declined from 64th to 66th
    ➢ Civil Engineering declined from 67th to 72nd

The College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (ranking is of Public Affairs schools and programs) declined slightly from 34th to 35th
  o College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of 2020 ranking):
    ➢ Public Affairs, Urban Policy is ranked in the top ten again and improved from 6th to 3rd
    ➢ Public Affairs, Public Finance and Budgeting improved from 17th to 12th
    ➢ Public Affairs, Local Government Management declined from 14th to 15th
    ➢ Public Affairs, Nonprofit Management is ranked 21st
    ➢ Public Affairs, Public Management & Leadership is ranked 35th.

US News ranks colleges of medicine separately in research and in primary care. The College of Medicine improved from 67th to 48th in the primary care rankings and from 52nd to 50th in the research rankings.

The part-time MBA program in the UIC Business Liautaud Graduate School declined from 47th to 65th. The full-time MBA program is not ranked.

The College of Education, overall, improved from 54th to 53rd.
  o College of Education program in Education Administration and Supervision declined from 14th to 22nd.

The MSW program in the Jane Addams College of Social Work declined slightly from 24th to 25th. The ranking is based on a peer assessment survey of academic quality.

The School of Public Health is ranked 19th among 177 accredited schools and programs of public health.
  o The School of Public Health’s Master of Healthcare Administration program is ranked 33rd.

Other rankings are found in the attached table of historical rankings. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or requests for additional information. Thank you.

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