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RE: US NEWS & World Report 2021 Best Graduate Schools Rankings (Revised)

The 2021 Best Graduate Schools rankings were released to the public on March 17th. Annually, U.S. News ranks professional school programs in business, education, engineering, law, medicine and nursing, including specialties in a variety of areas. This year, in addition to the six annually ranked professional school programs, U.S. News ranked graduate programs in public affairs, audiology, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, pharmacy, clinical psychology, occupational therapy, nursing midwifery, and M.F.A. programs. Although not all programs are ranked every year, the U.S. News Best Graduate Schools website content (U.S. News no longer publishes a print guidebook of Best Graduate Schools) presents the most recent rankings for every program that has been ranked by U.S. News, whether they were ranked in 2021 or not. As a result, some of the published rankings on the website are from last year or several years ago.

Below is a summary of UIC's 2021 rankings by college (in alphabetical order). In addition, enclosed (**attached**) is a historical table of all UIC rankings from US News Best Graduate Schools rankings.

College of Applied Health Sciences

- Occupational Therapy ranked 3rd out of 198 programs.
- Physical Therapy ranked 34th out of 239 programs.

College of Architecture, Design and the Arts (CADA)

- The MFA ranked 42nd out of 226 programs.

College of Business Administration

- The part-time MBA program ranked 61st out of 272 programs, a drop from 65th last year (2020). The full-time MBA program is not ranked.

College of Dentistry

- Dental schools are not ranked by U.S. News.

College of Education

- The College of Education, overall, ranked 58th out of 253 programs, a drop from 53rd last year.

College of Engineering

- The College of Engineering, overall, ranked 74th out of 200 programs, a drop from 69th last year.
 - College of Engineering specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of ranking):
 - Biomed Engineering ranked 45th out of 134 programs
 - Mechanical Engineering ranked 56th out of 179 programs
 - Computer Engineering ranked 61st out of 149 programs
 - Chemical Engineering ranked 61st out of 125 programs
 - Materials Engineering ranked 62nd out of 111 programs
 - Civil Engineering ranked 64th out of 151 programs
 - Electrical Engineering ranked 68th out of 185 programs
 - Industrial Engineering ranked 71st out of 94 programs.

John Marshall Law School

- The John Marshall Law School full-time J.D. program ranked 140th out of 194 programs. The John Marshall Law School part-time J.D. program ranked 29th out of 69 programs, a rise from 45th last year.
 - Specialty program rankings are problematic. They are based on peer assessments by law school faculty that allowed raters to rate all schools whether or not they actually had a particular specialty. As a result, some schools without programs in a specialty area are ranked. With that caveat, John Marshall Law School specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of ranking):
 - Legal Writing ranked 7th out of 179 programs
 - Intellectual Property ranked 36th out of 188 programs
 - Trial Advocacy ranked 36th out of 188 programs
 - Clinical Training ranked 69th out of 179 programs
 - International Law ranked 75th out of 187 programs
 - Dispute Resolution ranked 90th out of 98 programs
 - Tax Law ranked 98th out of 187 programs
 - Criminal Law ranked 111th out of 188 programs
 - Health Care Law ranked 122nd out of 143 programs
 - Business-Corporate Law ranked 135th out of 188 programs
 - Constitutional Law ranked 136th out of 188 programs
 - Contracts-Commercial Law ranked 148th out of 188 programs
 - Environmental Law ranked 152nd out of 184 programs.



College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS)

- U.S. News has not ranked Ph.D. programs in the sciences and humanities the last two years. Below are top UIC programs from rankings more than two years ago:
 - English ranked 35th in 2018
 - Mathematics ranked 39th in 2019
 - Physics ranked 71st in 2019
 - Biology ranked 73rd in 2019
 - Chemistry ranked 73rd in 2019
 - Psychology ranked 75th in 2018.

College of Medicine

- US News ranks colleges of medicine separately in research and in primary care. The College of Medicine ranked 58th out of 122 programs in the primary care rankings, a drop from 48th last year. The College of Medicine ranked 55th out of 122 programs in the research rankings, a drop from 50th last year.

College of Nursing

- The College of Nursing DNP program ranked 6th out of 171 programs, a rise from 7th last year. The Master's program ranked 19th out of 236 programs, a drop from 16th last year.
 - College of Nursing specialty programs ranked as follows:
 - Nurse Practitioner: Gerontology, Primary Care ranked 6th
 - Nurse Practitioner: Gerontology, Acute Care ranked 8th
 - Nursing Administration ranked 11th
 - Midwifery ranked 13th.

College of Pharmacy

- The College of Pharmacy ranked 7th out of 134 schools and programs offering the Doctor of Pharmacy degree accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy education.

School of Public Health

- U.S. News did not rank schools of public health this year. The School of Public Health was ranked 19th among 177 accredited schools and programs of public health last year (2020).

Jane Adams College of Social Work

- Colleges of social work and MSW programs were not ranked this year. The MSW program in the Jane Adams College of Social Work was ranked 25th out of 262 programs last year (2020).

College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

- The College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (ranking is of public affairs schools and programs) ranked 34th out of 276 programs, a rise from 35th last year.
 - College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs specialty programs ranked as follows (in order of 2020 ranking):
 - Public Affairs, Urban Policy ranked 5th
 - Public Affairs, Public Finance and Budgeting ranked 8th
 - Public Affairs, Local Government Management ranked 10th
 - Public Affairs, Nonprofit Management ranked 20th
 - Public Affairs, Public Policy Analysis ranked 25th
 - Public Affairs, Public Management & Leadership ranked 39th.

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

