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Georgia Southern's online programs recognized for excellence in latest rankings by U.S. News & World Report

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In rankings released for the best online programs among colleges and universities across the country, U.S. News & World Report has again ranked Georgia Southern University's online programs as among the best for 2016.

Four online University programs were ranked in the top 50 of their respected list, including online graduate information technology program, online Master's of Business Administration (MBA) program, online graduate business programs (non-MBA) and online nursing program.

The online MBA at Georgia Southern tied with James Madison University and Kennesaw State University for 28th out of nearly 200 ranked programs on the list of [2016 Best Online MBA Programs](#).

Additionally, the University's online graduate business programs (non-MBA) tied for 33rd with Georgia College, a fellow University System of Georgia school, out of more than 100 schools included in the ranked list. The [2016 Best Online Graduate Business Programs](#) rankings assesses master's-level business degree programs that are not MBA programs. Examples of non-MBA graduate business programs include degrees in accounting, finance, insurance, marketing and management.

Georgia Southern's graduate information technology program tied with Florida State University for the 21st spot on the list of 2016 Best Online Graduate Information Technology Programs.

The University's [online graduate education program](#) placed 73rd with four other schools out of more than 200 schools nationwide.

For [online nursing programs](#), the University was ranked 49th of more than 100 ranked schools, sharing the rank with Loyola University New Orleans, Nova Southeastern University, University of Massachusetts Amherst and University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Georgia Southern and five other schools tied for the 114th spot out of more than 200 schools across the country for the [2016 Best Online Bachelor's Programs](#). Because U.S. News considers students enrolled in these ranked programs likely to be working professionals in their 20s to 40s looking to advance in or change their careers and not first-time college students, the factors used to make comparisons between programs were not measures like high school class rank or standardized test scores. Instead, U.S. News chose factors that weigh how these programs are being delivered and their effectiveness at awarding affordable degrees in a reasonable amount of time.

U.S. News publishes numerical ranks for only the top three-fourths of each ranking category. U.S. News selects factors to assess each program in the categories of student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology.

Georgia Southern University 2016 SOAR Leaders announced

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The 2016 Georgia Southern SOAR Leader Team

Georgia Southern University has chosen its 2016 Southern Orientation, Advisement, and Registration (SOAR) Team. SOAR Leaders help orient new students and their families to Georgia Southern during the summer SOAR sessions by serving as role models for new students, helping them register for classes, preparing them for college level academics and informing parents about the University's services. Out of 122 students who applied for the coveted SOAR Leader position, 25 were selected based on their

leadership potential, work ethic and ability to represent the University.

Three students are returning for their second year as SOAR Leaders: Courtney Dyer, a senior psychology major from Dahlgonega, Georgia; Abbey LaMee, a junior child and family development/therapeutic recreation major from Acworth, Georgia; and Tyler Wilson, a senior management major from Adrian, Georgia. These students helped select the 2016 SOAR Team, which represents more than 25 campus organizations, by trying to find the best individuals to represent the Georgia Southern student body.

The juniors represented on the team are Doug Flott, a pre-business major from Brooklet, Georgia; Nick Hartney, an information technology major from Marietta, Georgia; Alec Joiner, a marketing/retail management major from Cordele, Georgia; Sydney Jordan, a pre-business major from Gray, Georgia; Marcus Joyner, an information technology major from Evans, Georgia; Megan King, an early childhood education major from Roswell, Georgia; Courtney Rorex, a journalism major from Austell, Georgia; Crystele Seya, a pre-business major from Lithonia, Georgia; Matthew Windham, a chemistry major from Cordele, Georgia; and Kiera Zellerer, a marketing major from Savannah, Georgia.

Sophomores who were selected include Brandon Ashiedu, a mechanical engineering major from Douglasville, Georgia; Chandler Avery, a mechanical engineering major from Hoschton, Georgia; Josh Bailey, a chemistry major from Waycross, Georgia; Savannah Freeman, a pre-business major from Woodstock, Georgia; Charabele Louis-Jacques, a biology major from McDonough, Georgia; Daniel Marin, an international trade major from Woodstock, Georgia; Alexa Rushworth, a public relations major from Atlanta, Georgia; Kat Shuman, an English major from Reidsville, Georgia; Danielle Souza, a biology major from Londonderry, New Hampshire; and Emily Stephens, a pre-business major from Atlanta, Georgia.

Freshmen selected include Moses Malloy, a mathematics major from Richmond Hill, Georgia, and Devin Thornton, a pre-business major from Lithonia, Georgia.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 125-degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered and hands-on approach to education.