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# Georgia Southern Online Program Ranked 12th in U.S.

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The Georgia Southern University Online Accounting program (WebMAcc) was ranked 12th in the Top 30 Online Master's in Accounting Degree Programs 2015 by [online-accounting-degrees.net](http://online-accounting-degrees.net). In its second year of existence, the WebMAcc offered within the Georgia Southern College of Business Administration School of Accountancy helps students earn a graduate degree without much interruption to their personal and professional lives.

Online-accounting-degrees.net based the rankings on AACSB accreditation and the level of recognition the school has received from three of the most respected college ranking authorities, Forbes Top 100/300/700, U.S. News Ranking/Online Business/Regional, and Academic Ranking of World Universities Business/Economics Top 100/200.

Ranking higher than Texas A&M University and Florida Atlantic University, the Georgia Southern WebMAcc uses a team-based approach to online learning, placing students on teams of four to five students. These teams work together throughout the 30 semester-hour program/six semesters and provide motivation, help, and strive for a common goal of graduating from an AACSB accredited

accounting program. The online courses are identical in content to the traditional courses, with the benefit of a flexible, online delivery system.

"We believe the recognition reflects the quality of our program, faculty and students," says Gordon N. Smith, director of graduate business programs in the Georgia Southern University College of Business. "Our online and campus graduate accounting programs deliver for our students and their companies."

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.

## **Exercise is Medicine Initiative Comes to Campus**

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In collaboration with "[Wellness Week](#)," Georgia Southern University is teaming up with the national initiative "[Exercise is Medicine on Campus \(EIM-OC\)](#)" to launch a weeklong educational experience promoting physical activity from Feb. 5-12.

EIM-OC is designed to involve and encourage faculty, staff and students to promote the importance of health and well-being. Through this initiative, members of campus will help by raising awareness about the benefits of physical activity and by educating students on how to develop and maintain healthy physical activity habits. The initiative will also work toward connecting University health care providers with fitness specialists to collaborate on an exercise prescription referral system.

This is the first time that EIM-OC is coming to Georgia Southern. Representatives from EIM-OC, including Dr. Robert Sallis and Dr. Carena Winters, will be among the many guest speakers on campus during the week. Dr. Sallis serves as the chairman for the Exercise is Medicine initiative. He is also a spokesman for the "Every Body Walk!" campaign, and supports the recommendation of 150 minutes of physical activity per week. Dr. Winters is an ACSM Certified Clinical Exercise Specialist with an EIM Level 3 credential, is a member of the Exercise is Medicine Advisory Board and serves as Chair of the EIM-OC committee. Dr. Sallis and Dr. Winters will work to ensure that Georgia Southern achieves a Gold level standard according to EIM-OC criteria.

Mark Fenton, former host of PBS's "America's Walking" program will also make an appearance during "Wellness Week" in support of the EIM-OC initiative. He's a vocal advocate for non-motorized

transportation, a frequent consultant on bicycle and pedestrian community plans, and a recognized authority on public health issues and the need for community, environmental and public-policy initiatives to encourage more walking, bicycling, and transit use.

"This is brand new to Georgia Southern," said Bridget Melton, Ed.D, physical activity and healthful living director in the University's School of Health and Kinesiology. "Through this new initiative on campus we are leading universities to promote this program."

The initiative will take place in various locations on campus ranging from the Russell Union Rotunda to the Nursing/Chemistry Building. Activities for participants will include Zumba, fitness testing, and games. Prizes including water bottles, pedometers, and T-shirts will be handed out throughout the week to participants as they learn about eating healthy and staying active for 150 minutes per week.

For more information on the initiative, visit the [Georgia Southern College of Health and Human Sciences](#).

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