

Several ANAC Institutions Cited as the Best Business Schools

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Last week five New American Colleges and Universities were recognized in the Princeton Review's 2009 editions of the "Best 296 Business Schools."



Elon University, Ithaca College, Quinnipiac University, The University of Scranton, and Valparaiso University were acknowledged in the annual guide of top graduate business programs based on data provided by schools and a survey of 19,000 business school students across the nation. The Princeton Review did not rank the schools in a single hierarchical list from 1 to 296, or name one business school best overall. Instead, the book has 11 ranking lists of the top 10 business schools in various categories.

The MBA program of Elon University's Martha and Spencer Love School of Business was ranked in the top 10 in two categories. The school was ranked sixth in the nation for "best administered" program and seventh in the nation for "best classroom experience." Elon MBA students commended the school's globally-focused curriculum, commitment to experiential learning and affordable cost.

At Ithaca College's School of Business, students praised the fast-track MBA programs and professor's "hands-on teaching philosophy." Students also commended elective course offerings tailored to students' interests.

Princeton Review editors praised Quinnipiac University's business school's career and placement resources. They also noted Quinnipiac's high-tech resources, such as the Terry W. Goodwin '67 Financial Technology Center. The 1,500-square-foot simulated financial trading room has dual-monitor computer workstations allowing students to access real-time financial data, practice analytical finance methods, conduct trading simulations, analyze economic databases and develop financial models.

In The University of Scranton's Kania School of Management's profile, editors noted that "Jesuit values add a unique flavor to the graduate business programs at The University of Scranton, which emphasizes a contemporary approach to business while simultaneously exploring topics in ethics and social responsibility." Its strong sense of "globalization throughout the curriculum" was also recognized.

Valparaiso University's College of Business Administration was cited for its cutting edge classes, an emphasis on doing business in a global economy and the diversity of students' backgrounds. It also noted the incorporation of ethics and environmental stewardship throughout the curriculum and quoted students who said that throughout the core curriculum and elective courses, "professors take every opportunity to stress these concerns and develop thoughtful and caring future business leaders."