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U.S. News & World Report Ranks UCSB Graduate Programs Among the Best

In its annual ranking of leading graduate and professional programs at American universities, U.S. News & World Report magazine has rated two of UC Santa Barbara's programs among the top 10 in the nation.

UCSB's materials program was ranked number two in the 2014 U.S. News list of American universities, and number one among public institutions. UCSB shares the number two ranking with Stanford University, while the top spot is held by Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Both MIT and Stanford are private research universities.

The chemical engineering program at UCSB ranks number 9 overall, and number 5 among public universities.

In addition, UCSB's College of Engineering was ranked number 20, moving up one spot from the 2013 rankings. Tied with Northwestern University, it is number 11 among public universities.

"The new rankings are an apt reflection of the extraordinary quality of our campus," said Carol Genetti, dean of UCSB's Graduate Division. "Our graduate programs are at the heart of our academic mission and a significant driving force behind the

innovative research for which this university is renowned."

Also listed among the top graduate schools is UCSB's Gevirtz Graduate School of Education, which was ranked number 40 -- an impressive leap of 23 spots from last year. The graduate school ranks number 29 among public universities.

"This significant jump in the rankings is a wonderful recognition for the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education," said Gale Morrison, the graduate school's acting dean. "Under [Dean] Jane Conoley's leadership, the faculty has continued the tradition of excellence in research, service to the wider education community, and quality preparation of professionals in education, teacher education, and counseling, clinical, and school psychology."

The U.S. News rankings are based on a weighted average of various measures, some specific to the particular program. The rankings generally include an assessment by peers, with measures of faculty quality and resources, student selectivity, research activity, and several other factors.

Highlights of the graduate school rankings are included in the current issue of U.S. News & World Report, and in the 2014 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," as well as on the magazine's Web site, <http://www.usnews.com>. U.S. News does not compile rankings in all fields every year, and did not update the rankings for graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and biological sciences, including chemistry, earth sciences, computer science, and physics, this year.

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