

Warrington Maintains AACSB Accreditation

Gainesville, Fla. – The University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business Administration was among 57 schools that maintained their accreditation in business, and 14 that have maintained their accreditation in accounting, AACSB International announced today. Additionally, eight institutions of higher learning from five countries have earned accreditation in business, and three have earned accreditation in accounting. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

“It takes tremendous work and dedication not only on the part of faculty, but program directors and administrative staff, to achieve the standards necessary to maintain AACSB accreditation,” says Dean John Kraft. “The evaluation process itself is extremely rigorous, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who helped to attain this hallmark. It’s an honor shared by only the best of the best schools worldwide.”

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education and has been earned by less than five percent of the world’s business schools. Today, there are 567 business schools in 33 countries that maintain AACSB accreditation. Similarly, 171 institutions now maintain an additional specialized AACSB accreditation for their accounting programs.

“It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculties and staffs make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver high quality education to students.”

Achieving accreditation is a process of rigorous internal review, evaluation, and adjustment and can take several years to complete. During these years, the school develops and implements a plan to meet the 21 AACSB standards requiring a high quality teaching environment, a commitment to continuous improvement, and curricula responsive to the needs of business. Since Warrington is also home to the Fisher School of Accounting, additional measures are necessary for the sanctioning of those programs. To realize accounting accreditation, an institution must first earn or maintain AACSB business accreditation. Then, in addition to developing and implementing a mission-driven plan to satisfy the 21 business accreditation quality standards, accounting accreditation requires the satisfaction of an additional set of 15 standards that are specific to the discipline and profession of accounting.

About AACSB International

AACSB International is an association of more than 1,100 educational institutions, business and other organizations in 70 countries that are dedicated to the advancement of management education worldwide. In addition to service as the premier accreditation body for institutions offering undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees in business and accounting, the association also conducts a wide array of conferences and seminar programs at various location around the world. Through BestBizSchools.com, AACSB provides a global resource center for prospective business students.

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The Warrington College of Business Administration is one of the world’s top-rated public business programs, recognized for excellence by *U.S. News & World Report*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, and *Fortune*. As part of a Research 1 institution, Warrington is dedicated to a substantial research agenda, in addition to its teaching mission, from the undergraduate to the doctoral level. Warrington educates future business leaders using teamwork that provides opportunities for development of leadership, interpersonal and total management skills; promoting mastery of business functional areas; and fostering the habits and attitudes that constitute a solid research and work ethic.