

## Warrington undergraduate programs ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in premier magazine

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – *Bloomberg Businessweek* ranked the Warrington College of Business Administration's undergraduate programs 16<sup>th</sup> among U.S. public business schools in its Best Undergraduate Business Schools 2011 rankings.

Warrington's undergraduate programs ranked 42<sup>nd</sup> overall— its highest rating in the six-year history of *Bloomberg Businessweek's* undergraduate ranking— improving 13 places from 2010. The high ranking is even more impressive considering the total number of schools ranked has grown significantly placing Warrington's undergraduate programs among the top one-third of all universities both public and private.

"It is great to see the College's investment in our undergraduate students paying dividends," said Dr. Brian Ray, Associate Dean and Director of the School of Business. "Dean [John] Kraft and our faculty are dedicated to enhancing the undergraduate experience through internships, study abroad opportunities and additional curricular enhancements. Our undergraduate students continue to be well served by our academic advisors, career coaches and peer mentors."

Warrington's undergraduate programs, the highest-ranked undergraduate business program in the state of Florida, also had high marks in several specialty categories. Warrington's undergraduate programs ranked 10<sup>th</sup> overall (seventh among publics) in a survey of 246 corporate recruiters who were asked by *Bloomberg Businessweek* "which programs turn out the best graduates and which schools have the most innovative curricula and most effective career services." Warrington's undergraduate programs also were awarded the grade of A in the Job Placement Category for the second consecutive year. Dr. Ray credited an increase in career coaching personnel and the establishing of a peer mentoring program for the progress.

Warrington's undergraduate programs also recorded all-time highs in academic quality and student-faculty ratio. Warrington's undergraduate programs ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> overall in academic quality, 12<sup>th</sup> among public schools. The academic quality ranking is based upon average SAT scores, full-time student-to-faculty ratio, average class size, percentage of business majors with internships and hours students spend every week on their studies. Warrington's undergraduate programs student-faculty ratio was 13.6, 14<sup>th</sup> overall and fifth among publics.

*Bloomberg Businessweek* surveyed graduating seniors, corporate recruiters and participating institutions and measured nine categories of student satisfaction, post-graduation outcomes and academic quality and combined these results with surveys from 2009 and 2010 to calculate each school's 2011 final ranking.

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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.