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Hough faculty ranked third among global universities by *The Economist*

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The faculty of the Hough Graduate School of Business at the Warrington College of Business Administration ranked third among all global universities in faculty quality according to *The Economist's* Which MBA? 2011 ranking of full-time MBA programs.

Only New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business (first) and York University's (Toronto) Schulich School of Business (second) fared better leaving the Hough Graduate School's UF MBA as the top-ranked U.S. public business program in faculty quality.

UF MBA's commitment to maintaining a small program with limited cohort size allows students to truly connect with classmates, faculty and staff. Its selectivity and intimacy is evidenced by its impressive faculty-to-student ratio of 1.1 to 1. *The Economist* also lauded the Hough Graduate School because 96 percent of its faculty possesses Ph.D.s.

Among the faculty that has helped the Hough Graduate School and the Warrington College of Business Administration be recognized as one of the world's top public business schools is Bank of America Eminent Scholar Chair Dr. Mark Flannery, who served as Resident Scholar at the New York Federal Reserve Bank Research Department; Joe B. Cordell Eminent Scholar Chair Dr. Jay Ritter, who is recognized worldwide as a leading authority on initial public offerings (IPOs); and James W. Walter Eminent Scholar Chair Dr. Joe Alba, one of only 20 individuals to be named a Fellow of the Association for Consumer Research.

Overall, the Hough Graduate School's UF MBA program ranked 45th among U.S. universities and 18th among U.S. public universities.

The Economist ranking of full-time MBA programs was based on an initial selection of the world's 130 leading business schools. To qualify for inclusion in the ranking, the schools with full-time MBA programs that responded to our survey had to meet various thresholds of data provision, as well as attaining a minimum number of responses to a survey gauging the opinion of current students and alumni who graduated within the last three years. A total of 17,770 students and alumni took part in the survey.

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