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US News & World Report Announces
2016 Best Graduate Schools and Guess What?

USM's Business Graduate School is Unranked

The current list of Best Graduate Business Schools by [U.S. News & World Report](#) reports the University of Southern Mississippi as “Unranked.” See, USM rank below. According to U.S. News & World Report, “[Unranked](#)” means that U.S. News did not calculate a numerical rank for that school. The school did not qualify to be numerically ranked.” It appears that USM was unwilling or unable to report “key educational characteristics” necessary to be ranked.

			Enrollment (full time)	Ave GMAT
Unranked	University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS	\$388 per credit (in-state, full-time); \$865 per credit (out-of-state, full-time)	22	486

Given that *US News & World Report* claims enrollment of 22 full-time students, USM should consider shutting down its graduate business program. Graduate programs are expensive. State resources would be better spent on something other than a dying program that has such a low average GMAT score of entering students and a near 78% acceptance rate.

Students should consider long and hard whether a graduate business degree from USM is worth their time, effort, and money. Regardless of what USM's in-house public relations staff and marketers claim, USM has a long history of being firmly mired in the bottom tier. USM's public relations and marketing staff are charged with image development, which appears to have little or no connection to the reality of USM providing quality education.