

## *Dear usmnews.net*

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The [Hattiesburg American](#) ran yet another puff piece for Southern Miss. The most recent article praises the online MBA program. I know Southern Miss is desperate for [paying students](#), but Dean Gilbert had to be either holding her nose or giggling as she either cherry picked and/or wildly overstated the quality of the program. Earlier this year, [U.S. News & World Report](#) announced that Southern Miss' graduate business program was "[unranked](#)". With a grand total of [22 full-time students](#) (according to U.S. News & World Report), the market is telling Dean Gilbert the value of the program -- and that value is nominal.

The MBA program is like the failed and losing football and basketball teams -- it's time to shut them down.

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