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The University of Dayton School of Business Administration and the School of Law have been ranked among the top in the nation again.

The School of Business Administration is listed in the 2009 edition of *Best 296 Business Schools*, published by Random House and The Princeton Review. This is the third consecutive year the school made the list, which is based on student surveys.

For the second consecutive year, UD's School of Law is listed in The Princeton Review's, *Best 174 Law Schools*, which is also based on student surveys.

Business students said they particularly valued the opportunity for "guaranteed real-world consulting project experience" in the MBA program and the diversity of the faculty, which includes career teachers, professionals and retired business leaders.

Students also noted the "marvelous Marianist-centered campus life," and "exceptional integrated core curriculum," as well as a "strong alumni base and described it as "one of the best kept secrets in the world of MBA programs."

"One of the strengths of the MBA program is the flexibility of the curriculum and our emphasis on real-world experience," said Matthew Shank, dean of the School of Business Administration. "The capstone project widens their experience by pairing students with companies in the region, and allows them to apply and use what they've learned in the classroom in a context different from their own businesses."

For example, MBA students last year applied the principles of the Toyota management system to ISUS Inc., making recommendations to enhance efficiency and improve factory and homebuilding operations for the innovative charter school.

MBA students also said the program "allows for a great amount of flexibility, so you can complete it at your own pace." The program enrolls 460 students, many of who are full-time professionals in the Dayton region.

Many courses in the MBA program are team-taught, often combining a practitioner with a professor. The faculty includes six executives-in-residence who help teach courses including a mandatory two-semester capstone course that matches students with consulting projects.

Students may earn an MBA on top of other degrees. Accounting students can earn an undergraduate accounting degree and an MBA in five years. Law students can earn a law degree and MBA at the same time. The School of Business Administration recently launched an "MBA Ready" program that allows engineering and other non-business students to achieve their bachelor's degree and an MBA in five years.

The University of Dayton's MBA program "has an integrated curriculum with an emphasis on strategic analysis and a dual focus on theory and practice," said Janice Glynn, MBA program director. "And we have recently strengthened our emphasis on business ethics and corporate responsibility, which places us in the forefront of business education."

The School of Business Administration is accredited by the AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), the premier accrediting body for business schools globally.

This is the second major national ranking for the School of Business Administration this fall. In September, Entrepreneur magazine and The Princeton Review ranked UD's entrepreneurship program fourth in the country.

The UD School of Law's "notable program in intellectual property law" and "smaller class sizes" that provide students with lots of "one-on-one interaction" with "engaging, passionate" professors helped place it on The Princeton Review list.

It also helps that "there is no more state-of-the-art law school than the University of Dayton School of Law," according to one student.

UD's "notable program in intellectual property law" expanded its offerings a little more than a year ago to include Master of Law

(LL.M.) and Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) programs for intellectual property. Officials believe UD is the 19th U.S. law school, and one of two in Ohio, to offer an LL.M. degree in intellectual property. An LL.M. is an advanced law degree for anyone who already has received a law degree anywhere in the world. An M.S.L. degree is designed for anyone who possesses an undergraduate degree in an area other than law but wishes to acquire advanced knowledge of the law within a particular area.

The School of Law has received much attention from national media this year. *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New York Times* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* have made positive mentions of UD's program. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching chose the University of Dayton School of Law to participate in its next examination of how American law schools educate their students.

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