

"UGA graduate programs continue to rank among the best in the nation."

University graduate programs remained among the best in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2012 edition of America's Best Graduate Schools. The School of Law tied for 35th and the College of Education tied for 46th.

"Rankings such as these are satisfying because they are a reflection of the quality of the programs at the University of Georgia," said UGA President Michael F. Adams. "As we begin to implement a new strategic plan with a focus on graduate and professional education, we do so knowing that the foundation on which we will expand is strong and the state of Georgia is well-served by these programs."

Maureen Grasso, dean of the UGA Graduate School said, "UGA's graduate programs do an outstanding job of preparing our students for success in the 21st century. The excellent teaching and research conducted by our faculty provide our graduates with the knowledge and skills they need to make an impact in our local and global communities as they drive the economic competitiveness of Georgia."

"These graduate program rankings confirm the college's excellence across a broad range of academic endeavors, from K-12 teacher education to curriculum/instruction to counseling," said Arthur M. (Andy) Horne, dean and Distinguished Research Professor of the College of Education. "Equally important, however, is what numerical rankings cannot measure: the University of Georgia's profound commitment to expanding educational opportunities for every student and improving our communities in Georgia and across the nation."

Among the 10 specialty rankings, five of the College of Education's programs ranked in the top 10 in the nation: Vocational/technical education ranked second, **counseling/personnel services tied for second**, secondary education ranked fifth, higher education administration ranked fifth, and elementary education ranked sixth.