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## UIS maintains its ranking in America's Best Colleges

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The University of Illinois Springfield has maintained its rankings from last year in U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges.

UIS is ranked as the best public university — master's category — in Illinois and the fourth-best public university in that category in the entire Midwest. UIS held the same rankings in the 2009 edition.

The master's category includes colleges and universities that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs but only a few, if any, doctoral programs.

The annual rankings placed UIS at 27 on a list of 71 top public and private colleges and universities in the 12-state Midwest region that includes Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and North and South Dakota. UIS was ranked fourth best among the 15 public universities on the list.

"With this being the second straight year we have received such high marks, it reflects how UIS is being established as one of the best public universities in the country," said UIS Chancellor Richard Ringeisen. "Once again, we are thrilled to be recognized in such elite company."

U.S. News also gave UIS a high ranking in a category called "Great Schools, Great Prices" for being among only five universities in the master's category in the Midwest with students who graduate with the least debt. UIS was the fourth best on the list, with a total of 76 percent of its students graduating with an average debt of \$15,138.

UIS was not eligible for the U.S. News rankings until two years after the university graduated its first class of freshmen.

UIS enrolled its first freshmen in the Capital Scholars Honors Program in fall 2001.

The U.S. News rankings are based on several key measures of quality, including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

UIS offers 22 bachelor's degrees, 20 master's degrees and one doctoral degree in public administration.

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