

UH Mānoa News

U.S. News and World Report ranks UH Manoa's graduate programs in "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009"

School of Law, College of Education and Library and Information Science program included on top-rated lists

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HONOLULU – Graduate programs at the University of Hawaii'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law, College of Education and Library and Information Science program were recognized among the best in the nation, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Graduate Schools 2009."

The UH Law School moved up in national ranking and placed 82nd on the list, the highest of any small law school in the country. The Law School is also the 14th most selective school with regard to the applications/admissions ratio, and its faculty/student ratio is among the top five in the country. Yet its tuition was among the lowest in the nation, and students graduate with the 7th lowest average law school debt. Also, the Law School's bar passage rate remained among the top 25 within the elite 100 law schools.



"Our face-to-face culture and the extraordinary ways in which our students look out for one another cannot be easily measured," said Law School Dean Aviam Soifer. "We are pleased to be noticed for providing access to an exceptional legal education within a uniquely diverse Law School. Faculty and students here really get to know one another and to learn together. Launching our new part-time evening program this Fall will help us to provide further opportunities for people in Hawaii'i to obtain an absolutely first-rate but relatively inexpensive legal education."

UH Mānoa's College of Education remains as one of the top 100 teacher preparation schools in the nation, ranking in the top 23 percent (65 out of 278 schools surveyed). "It is nice to have the quality of our graduate programs recognized," said College of Education Dean Christine Sorensen. "We have been expanding our doctoral options, recently adding educational technology and kinesiology tracks. Our master's programs also continue to grow, in our campus based as well as our distance delivered options and in our programs designed to provide alternative routes to become a teacher."

The Library and Information Science (LIS) program also ranked 30 out of 50 accredited programs surveyed nationwide. The program's School Library Media Specialization remains among the top ten in the nation. Established in 1965, the LIS program promotes international scholarship and instruction, as well as fostering emerging information technologies. It is the only professional school that is part of the Department of Information and Computer Sciences.

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of professional school programs in business, education, engineering, law and medicine, are based on both surveys and statistical indicators. For more information on the rankings, visit <http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/grad>.

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