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## Rankings rise for IU, Purdue grad programs

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The business schools at Indiana and Purdue universities climbed a few notches from last year, while Purdue's engineering program moved to sixth-best in the nation, in the latest rankings of university graduate programs by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

### Indiana schools

Indiana college programs in U.S. News' latest rankings of best U.S. graduate schools:

### Indiana University

- **Kelley School of Business:** 23.
- **School of Education:** 17.
- **School of Medicine:** 45 for research, 33 for primary care.
- **School of Law (Bloomington):** 37.
- **School of Law (Indianapolis):** 77.
- **Library and Information Studies:** 7.
- **\*Biological Sciences:** 32.
- **\*Chemistry:** 24.
- **\*Mathematics:** 29.
- **\*Physics:** 35.

### Purdue University

- **Krannert School of Business:** 21.
- **School of Education:** 46.
- **School of Engineering:** 6.
- **\*Biological Sciences:** 40.
- **\*Chemistry:** 22.
- **\*Computer Science:** 18.
- **\*Mathematics:** 26.
- **\*Physics:** 35.

### University of Notre Dame

- **Mendoza School of Business:** 31.
- **School of Law:** 22.

\*Ph.D. programs.

Purdue's Krannert School of Business moved up two spots from last year to 21st in the national rankings, while IU's Kelley School improved to 23rd from 27th.

The only other MBA program in Indiana to make the top 50 was Notre Dame's Mendoza School, which moved to 31st from 32nd.

U.S. News releases the overall rankings today, and they will appear in the issue that hits newsstands Monday. The magazine based the professional school rankings on statistical measures and expert opinions about school quality.

The top-rated graduate school at any Indiana college was Purdue's engineering program, which moved to sixth from 10th last year. That's the program's best ranking since the early 1990s, said engineering dean Linda P.B. Katehi.

"This is really great," she said. "Prospective students and prospective faculty pay attention to it."

Two measures that gave Purdue's engineering program more points in the ranking were its doubling of research spending in the past five years and increasing from nine to 18 the number of faculty who are members of the National Academy of Engineering, she said.

IU's Bloomington law school slipped to 37th from 36th, and its Indianapolis law school went from 95th to 77th. IU's medical school in Indianapolis ranked 33rd for primary care and 45th for research.

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The magazine put the average starting salary and bonus earned in 2005 at \$93,922 for IU MBA graduates and \$91,705 for newly minted Purdue MBAs.

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