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## **Pair of Masters Programs Ranked High by Eduniversal**

**BATON ROUGE** – Eduniversal released its annual best masters rankings recently, placing the E. J. Ourso College of Business’ Master of Public Administration and Master of Science in Finance programs ninth and 11th, respectively, among public colleges and universities in the United States.

The MPA program was ranked in the “Best Masters Ranking in Public Administration/Management” category and the MS in Finance in the “Best Masters Ranking in Corporate Finance.”

This is the fifth annual edition of these rankings, which rate 4,000 masters programs for 30 majors across the world.

“LSU continues to offer an excellent graduate education in public administration and public policy,” said Jared Llorens, director of the LSU Public Administration Institute. “We appreciate the recognition by Eduniversal and will continue our ongoing efforts to provide a high-quality graduate education for students seeking careers in public service.”

“The MS program in finance is one of the hidden gems at LSU,” said Rajesh Narayanan, chair of the LSU Department of Finance. “The Eduniversal rankings provide market affirmation of its quality. The rankings are a testament to the caliber of students, the commitment of the faculty and the alumni support associated with the program.”

Eduniversal’s rankings are based on three criteria:

- The reputation of the program.
- The career prospects and the salary level of the first employment after graduation.
- The satisfaction feedback of the students.

### **About the Public Administration Institute**

The Public Administration Institute at LSU’s E. J. Ourso College of Business offers a 42-hour degree program that emphasizes management and financial skills for those leading public agencies, nonprofit, and healthcare organizations and for-profit organizations that interact with governmental agencies. PAI’s faculty members are student-oriented and nationally recognized for their expertise in their fields. For more information, visit [www.business.lsu.edu/pai](http://www.business.lsu.edu/pai) or call 225-578-6743.

### **About the Department of Finance**

The Department of Finance is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Program Partner and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) Board-Registered Program that offers high-quality curricula to undergraduate and graduate students interested in careers in corporate finance, asset management, real estate, insurance, banking, financial planning and business law. The department boasts internationally renowned research faculty in several areas, including derivatives, asset management, banking and special econometrics. The department's Securities Markets Analysis Research & Trading (SMART) Lab boasts the Bloomberg Professional service, the platform used by more than 300,000 leading business and financial professionals worldwide to make informed business decisions, and an extensive library of financial databases, including the Wharton WRDS System. Additionally, the department encourages, supports and conducts research in real estate by housing the nationally renowned Real Estate Research Institute. For more information, visit [www.business.lsu.edu/finance](http://www.business.lsu.edu/finance) or call 225-578-6291.

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