

International board extends accreditation for AU's business degree programs

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The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International has extended the accreditation of Alfred University's (AU) business degree programs.

The accreditation includes all programs in AU's School of Business: undergraduate majors in accounting, business administration, finance, and marketing and the Master's of Business Administration (MBA) with concentrations in accounting and business administration.

"AACSB has been and remains the gold standard for specialized accreditation in collegiate schools of business. For AU to be in this company is a testament to the quality of programs and curricular details," said Dr. Rick Stephens, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at AU. "It is also a statement about the investment of the faculty, administrators, and other good people of the University into the purposes for higher education. Our students, both current and prospective, can be confident not only in what they will learn, but in the dedication of AU to their needs and interests," he added.

"Accreditation by the AACSB is granted only to programs which maintain the highest standards of quality. Alfred's continuous accreditation by the AACSB over the past 27 years sends a powerful message to the business and higher education communities that we have top quality programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels," said Dr. Nancy J. Evangelista, associate provost and dean of the College of Professional Studies, which houses the business programs.

"The AACSB has moved beyond counting books in the library or lists of class offerings to measure quality. They are looking for programs that produce students who can think critically, communicate clearly, build sustainable business practices, and connect with the fast-paced global businesses of today. We are proud that Alfred measures up to these high standards," she continued.

Similarly, Dr. Bruce B. Rosenthal, director of AU's School of Business, noted, "we are delighted to see that the most prestigious business school accrediting body - AACSB - has given formal recognition that our programs meet their highly exacting standards for excellence. It is a credit to our faculty and our programs, and confirms that the Alfred University School of Business offers top-level business education.

“We also want to stress that we are continuing to develop our programs, and following AACSB guidelines, are creating even better and more relevant courses of study in the future. Good news for our current and future students! added Rosenthal.”

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, earned by less than five percent of the 694 business schools in 45 countries and territories. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest-serving, global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master&s, and doctoral degrees.