

# ENG MAKES HIGHEST-EVER GRADE

Questrom, SED, LAW also do well in *U.S. News & World Report* rankings

**E**ARNING ITS HIGHEST-ever ranking from the latest *U.S. News & World Report* listing, the College of Engineering has advanced 17 slots in a decade—now placing 35th among its peer American schools. It’s a two-slot advance from last year, explains Kenneth Lutchen, dean of ENG.

Over the past decade, the College of Engineering’s rankings have marked “the largest single improvement of any engineering school in the country” among those that made the top 52 in 2006, Lutchen says. Every one of its degree programs now scores in the top 20 in its individual discipline, he says, adding that that has real-world effects, helping “attract ever-higher quality in our faculty and our PhD students.”

ENG’s biomedical engineering instruction ranked ninth among such programs nationally. The ratings of 194 engineering schools considered peer assessments, student selectivity, student-faculty ratios, the number of doctoral degrees granted, and research funding, among other factors.



Lutchen attributes his school’s success to several strengths, starting with a commitment to interdisciplinary research across both the college and the University, “recruiting complementary faculty in areas such as photonics, information and cyber-physical systems, the intersection of engineering and biology, advanced materials, and nanotechnology.” That approach, he says, has garnered “tremendous extramural funding success among our faculty.” In addition,

Interdisciplinary research helped the College of Engineering to secure ample outside funding and a personal best in the latest *U.S. News* rankings.

in recent years, ENG has boosted research and educational partnerships with industry.

Other BU schools also fared well in the current *U.S. News* rankings. The Questrom School of Business full-time MBA program ranked 41 on the list, up from 43, and the School of Law clocked in at number 20 in the *U.S. News* rankings, a 6-slot jump from last year and a tie with the University of Iowa. The School of Education placed 45th, up from 52nd last year. **RB**

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### MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

Nearly 3 in 10 Americans (29 percent) sport a tattoo (up from 21 percent in 2012), and of those, 7 in 10 have 2 or more, according to a recent Harris Poll. *Bostonia* asked BU students, faculty, and staff to tell us about their tattoos. See the gallery at [bu.edu/bostonia](http://bu.edu/bostonia).

