

Programs.com Publishes 2026 Ranking of the Top 20 AI MBA Programs

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, August 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Programs.com, a leading resource on technology education, careers, and certifications, has published a new ranking and guide covering the [top 20 AI MBA programs](#).

The guide evaluates programs offering AI majors, concentrations, specializations, certificates, and integrated curricula. It also explains how AI MBAs differ from more technical degrees, what students can expect to study, and how to compare programs based on cost, format, admissions requirements, and graduate outcomes.

"An AI MBA isn't a standardized degree," said Brian Dean, founder of Programs.com, Backlinko, and Exploding Topics. "Some programs integrate AI throughout the curriculum, while others offer a small concentration alongside a traditional MBA. We wanted to make those differences clear."

Key findings from the ranking include:

- * Tuition among the ranked programs ranges from \$13,920 to \$183,784
- * Northwestern Kellogg's MBAi ranked first for its integrated business and AI curriculum, hands-on experience, and graduate outcomes
- * The University of Cincinnati Lindner ranked second, standing out for affordability and job placement
- * Programs are available in online, on-campus, and hybrid formats
- * Some AI concentrations include only three courses, while others offer extensive electives or technical coursework drawn from computer science departments
- * Rankings were based on academic quality, curriculum relevance, affordability, hands-on learning, admissions, and accessibility

The guide also examines common AI MBA courses, career options, STEM designation, scholarships, and the importance of comparing published employment data rather than relying only on school reputation.

"The most expensive or prestigious option won't be the right choice for every student," Dean added. "The goal of the ranking is to help applicants find a program that matches their experience, budget, and career plans."

The full ranking is available now on Programs.com.

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