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We consider the universal graded polynomial identity algebra for a given fine  $G$ -grading on  $M_n(C)$ , where  $C$  denotes the complex numbers. We prove that this algebra is prime, hence an order in a central simple algebra and this central simple algebra is a division algebra if and only if the group  $G$  is one of a short list of special groups of central type. We also give a description of the center of this universal algebra. (Received September 28, 2005)