U-Multirank is a unique, multidimensional and international ranking of higher education institutions. It compares university performance across teaching and learning, research, knowledge transfer, international orientation and regional engagement. It is the largest and most inclusive ranking showcasing the diversity in higher education around the world. It is not a league table and does not use composite indicators, nor reputation weights. Therefore, there is no one best university in U-Multirank. The performance of a university is presented with individual scores – graded from ‘A’ (very good) to ‘E’ (weak) across the different areas.

U-Multirank’s 2019 edition presents data on 62 French higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from France included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](https://www.umultirank.org).

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In all 5 dimensions of U-Multirank, French institutions perform above average. These are Teaching & Learning, Research, Knowledge Transfer, International Orientation, Regional Engagement. They are strongest in International Orientation and Teaching & Learning, in which more than 60% of their indicator scores positions are above average.

19 French institutions reached a top group position ('A' scores) in more than 10 indicators. This includes business schools and technical universities/institutions, comprehensive institutions as well as institutions specialised in the Social Sciences.

The EDHEC Business School (20), Télécom ParisTech (16), AgroParisTech (16), ESSEC Business School (15), and 3 institutions with 14 ‘A' scores (IMT Atlantique; Grenoble École de Management, École Centrale de Nantes) take the highest number of top positions.

EDHEC Business School reached 4 to 6 ‘A’ scores in each of the 4 dimensions of Teaching and Learning, Research, Knowledge Transfer and International Orientation.

French institutions achieved 26 global Top 25 performer positions in a set of 9 indicators, most of them in Student Mobility (9) and Contact to Work Environment (4).
WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN FRANCE?

EDHEC Business School received the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for France in 2019.

In this section we highlight the universities receiving the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for the respective country. Although the number of ‘A’ scores shows top performance for the respective university, it does not imply one university is the ‘best’ in the country, as each university profile highlights different strengths.

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The list includes different profiles of institutions: comprehensive universities, as well as business schools and technical universities.
WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF FRANCE’S TOP SCORING UNIVERSITIES?

Using our unique sunburst chart, a clear picture is shown of the university’s overall performance (the longer the bar, the higher the score).

For a list of definitions and calculations of indicators, see our Indicator Book.
21 French universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2019.

**Globally Top Performing French Universities**

In this section, U-Multirank presents the global Top 25 performers in a set of 10 indicators measuring different dimensions of performance. These lists highlight the 25 top-performing universities from around the world with the highest scores.

French universities that have achieved a global Top 25 score are listed under the respective categories:

**Co-publications with industrial partners**
- École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de St-Etienne
- Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SU-PAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO)
- Télécom SudParis

**Contact to work environment**
- Claude Bernard University Lyon 1
- IMT Atlantique
- Toulouse INP
- University of Technology of Troyes

**Income from continuous professional development**
- ESSEC Business School

**International orientation of degree programmes**
- University of Cergy-Pontoise
- University of Technology of Troyes
21 French universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2019

Globally Top Performing French Universities

International joint publications
- Audencia Business School

Interdisciplinary publications
- École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de St-Etienne
- ESIEE PARIS - School of Engineering

Student mobility
- AGROSUP DIJON
- Audencia Business School
- École Centrale de Lyon
- École Centrale de Nantes
- EM Strasbourg Business School
- IÉSEG School of Management
- Rennes School of Business
- Sciences Po
- TBS

Top cited publications
- Audencia Business School

Research publications
- Sorbonne University
- Université Sorbonne Paris Cité

*For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers, please visit our website.*
French higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank’s International Orientation and Teaching & Learning dimensions.

Above or below average?

In this section we highlight the overall performance of French universities on the institutional level per U-Multirank dimension.

The below table shows the national breakdown of French universities and how they stand across the spectrum of above average (receiving a score of ‘A’ (very good) or ‘B’ (good), or below average (receiving a score of ‘D’ (below average) or ‘E’ (weak)). In doing so, U-Multirank offers a clear picture on the countries strengths, and areas for improvement.
If you want to analyse further the performance of the universities in your country you can click the following links.

The below links lead directly to the national results pages where we pre-filtered the universities in your country into one list (for the university as a whole and for the subject areas included in U-Multirank so far). You can use the table to produce national rankings (see image below), or for personalised interactive analyses with the data.

If you’re interested in tailor-made tables (institutional level, subject level, or with a specific focus in mind, such as internationalisation), please contact us, at info@umultirank.org. These links are also accessible via your country’s ’Study in’ page.

The links will be accessible, starting the day of the release at 10:30 CET.

Results:
- Institutional Level Results
- Subject Level Results – Biology
- Subject Level Results – Chemistry
- Subject Level Results – Chemical Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Civil Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Computer Science
- Subject Level Results – Electrical Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Environmental Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Production/Industrial Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Materials Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Mathematics
- Subject Level Results – Mechanical Engineering
- Subject Level Results – Physics

Press materials:
- Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
- FAQ
- Overview Infographic 2019
U-Multirank is a multidimensional, user-driven approach to international ranking of higher education institutions. It compares the performances of higher education institutions – in short: universities – in the five dimensions of university activity:

(1) teaching and learning, (2) research, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) international orientation and (5) regional engagement.

The U-Multirank web tool enables comparisons at the level of the university as a whole and at the level of specific study programmes. Based on empirical data, U-Multirank compares institutions with similar institutional profiles (‘like-with-like’) and allows users to develop their own personalised rankings by selecting indicators in terms of their own preferences.

Based on the results of a feasibility study covering 150 universities which was carried out in 2010/11, the European Commission decided to fund the implementation of U-Multirank. This roll out is carried out by a consortium led by Professor Frans van Vught of the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), University of Twente in the Netherlands and Professor Frank Ziegele of the Centre for Higher Education (CHE) in Germany as well as the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) from Leiden University, Fundacion CYD and Folge 3. U-Multirank is funded by the European Commission, the Bertelsmann Foundation and Banco Santander. The consortium also works closely with a range of national ranking partners and stakeholder organisations.

The work of the U-Multirank consortium is overseen by an Advisory Board.