U-MULTIRANK
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Italian Universities in Global Comparison
U-Multirank is a unique, multi-dimensional 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 2020 edition presents data on 79 Italian higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from Italy included in U-Multirank, please visit our website.
In its 2020 edition, U-Multirank covers 79 higher education institutions from Italy. Italian higher education institutions show a strong performance in the dimension of Research and Regional Engagement.

The seven (7) Italian institutions with the highest number of top positions (‘A’ scores) amongst all Italian institutions are Bocconi University (14), followed by IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca (13), the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano (11) and the Polytechnic University of Milan (11). An additional three (3) institutions achieved 10 ‘A’s: Politecnico di Bari, Sant’ Anna School of Advanced Studies and Luiss University.

These top performers have a specific profile. Bocconi University is strongest in the dimension International Orientation, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca and Politecnico di Bari in Research, while for Polytechnic University of Milan Knowledge Transfer is the best single dimension.

Four (4) Italian higher education institutions are among the global ‘Top 25 Performers’ on a selected set of 10 indicators. The University Guglielmo Marconi scores highly in open access publications as well as in international joint publications and regional joint publications. Bocconi University and Luiss University are also among the top 25 in terms of income from continuing personal development, whereas International Telematic University UNINETTUNO is part of the top 25 in top-cited publications.
WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN ITALY?

Bocconi University received the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for Italy in 2020.

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 ITALY'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.
4 Italian universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2020.

Globally Top Performing Italian 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.

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

**International joint publications**
- University Guglielmo Marconi

**Regional joint publications**
- University Guglielmo Marconi

**Open access publications**
- University Guglielmo Marconi

**Top cited publications**
- International Telematic University UNINETTUNO

**Income from continuous professional development**
- Bocconi University
- Luiss University

*For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers, please visit our website.*
Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of Italian 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.

U-Multirank’s National University Rankings 2020-2021 – Italy
- Institutional Rankings

U-Multirank’s Subject Rankings 2020-2021 – Italy
- Business Studies Rankings (updated)
- Earth Sciences/Geology Rankings (new)
- Economics Rankings (updated)
- Education Rankings (updated)
- History Rankings (updated)
- International Law Rankings (new)
- Linguistics Rankings (new)
- Political Science Rankings (updated)
- Social Geography Rankings (new)
- Sociology Rankings (updated)

Press materials:
- Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
- FAQ
- Overview Infographic 2020
WHAT IS U-MULTIRANK?

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.