U-MULTIRANK
2020
Dutch Universities in Global Comparison
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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 54 Dutch higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from The Netherlands included in U-Multirank, please visit our website.
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In total, 12 Dutch institutions reached more than 10 top group positions (‘A’ scores). Among them are: Delft University of Technology reached the highest number of top scores (16), followed by Erasmus University Rotterdam and University of Groningen (15 each), and, Eindhoven University of Technology and University of Leiden (14 each).

All these universities received their top positions mainly in the Research and International Orientation dimensions, the two technical universities also in Knowledge Transfer.

While Dutch universities have a very good overall performance, some universities of applied science are ranked among the global ‘Top 25 Performers’ in specific indicators related to their profile: seven (7) universities of applied science in regional joint publications (Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Hogeschool Leiden, Inholland Hogeschool, University of Applied Science Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Zuyd Hogeschool, and Hogeschool Rotterdam), six (6) in income from continuous professional development (Katholieke Pabo Zwolle, Marnix Academie and Nyenrode Business University). Furthermore, Eindhoven University of Technology is listed among the global ‘Top 25 Performers’ in co-publications with industrial partners.

**AT A GLANCE: HOW DO DUTCH UNIVERSITIES FARE IN U-MULTIRANK?**

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WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS?

Delft University of Technology received the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for The Netherlands 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 THE NETHERLANDS 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.
WHAT DO DUTCH UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

12 Dutch universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2020.

Globally Top Performing Dutch 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.

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

Co-publications with industrial partners
- Eindhoven University of Technology
- Nyenrode Business University

Income from continuous professional development
- Nyenrode Business University
- Katholieke Pabo Zwolle
- Marnix Academie

Regional joint publications
- Inholland Hogeschool
- Zuyd Hogeschool
- Hogeschool Leiden
- Hanze University of Applied Sciences
- University of Applied Science Amsterdam
- University of Applied Sciences Utrecht
- Hogeschool Rotterdam

*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 Dutch universities on the institutional level per U-Multirank dimension.

The below table shows the national breakdown of Dutch 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.
APPENDIX
DETAILED RESULTS

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 – The Netherlands

• Institutional Rankings

U-Multirank’s Subject Rankings
2020-2021 – The Netherlands

• Business Studies Rankings (updated)
• Earth Sciences/ Geology Rankings (new)
• Economics Rankings (updated)
• Education Rankings (updated)
• History Rankings (updated)
• International Law Rankings (new)

Press materials:
• Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
• FAQ
• Overview Infographic 2020
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.