U-MULTIRANK
2021
Austrian Universities in Global Comparison
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 2021 edition presents data on 26 Austrian higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from Austria included in U-Multirank, please visit our website.
• 26 Higher education institutions from Austria are included in the 2021 edition of U-Multirank, 16 universities and 10 universities of applied sciences.

• In U-Multirank, Austria’s higher education institutions perform strongest in the International Orientation dimension with 84% of all indicator scores better than average (groups ‘A’ or ‘B’). In the Research dimension 58% of all indicator scores are above average.

• Three Austrian institutions are part of the ‘Top 25 Performers’ in the 2021 edition of U-Multirank. Montanuniversität Leoben and Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences are among the global top 25 in co-publications with industrial partners, while University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol is listed for student mobility.

• The Austrian universities with the highest number of top group positions (‘A’ scores) are Graz University of Technology (14 top scores), Johannes Kepler University Linz (14) and Management Center Innsbruck (14).

• Management Center Innsbruck is listed among the global Top 25 in our new Collaboration Index.
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.

The list includes different profiles of institutions: comprehensive universities, as well as business schools and technical universities.

### Austrian universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021

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WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF AUSTRIA'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.*
WHAT DO AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

Five Austrian universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2021.

**TOP 25 * PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN CO-PUBLICATIONS WITH INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS**

In this list we present the U-Multirank 2021 top performers on the indicator ‘co-publications with industrial partners’. This indicator addresses the level of collaboration between universities and industry. The more research is carried out with industrial partners, the more likely it is that knowledge transfer takes place between academia and business/industry.

*Due to the HFIC includes 24 Institutions*

Europe 23  
Asia 3

- Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden)  
- China University of Petroleum, Beijing (China)  
- Dalian University of Science and Technology (China)  
- Dublin City University (Ireland)  
- Eindhoven University of Technology (The Netherlands)  
- EURECOM (France)  
- Helsinki Metropolitan University of Applied Sciences (Finland)  
- Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Italy)  
- Manchester Metropolitan University (United Kingdom)  
- National University of Singapore (Singapore)  
- National University of Technology and Engineering (Singapore)  
- NTU (Singapore)  
- Politecnico di Milano (Italy)  
- Polytechnic University of Madrid (Spain)  
- University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)  
- University of Connecticut (United States)  
- University of Helsinki (Finland)  
- University of Kiel (Germany)  
- University of Lille (France)  
- University of Louvain (Belgium)  
- University of Manchester (United Kingdom)  
- University of Padova (Italy)  
- University of Passau (Germany)  
- University of Pisa (Italy)  
- University of Sheffield (United Kingdom)  
- University of Tokyo (Japan)  
- University of Twente (Netherlands)  
- University of Twente (Netherlands)  
- University of Uppsala (Sweden)  
- University of Warsaw (Poland)  
- University of York (United Kingdom)  

*For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers, please visit our website.*

Globally Top Performing Austrian 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.

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

**Co-publications with industrial partners**
- Montanuniversität Leoben
- Vienna University of Technology
- Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences

**Collaboration index**
- Management Center Innsbruck (MCI)

**Student mobility**
- University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol

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Austrian higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank’s International Orientation dimension.

Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of Austrian 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 2021-2022 – Austria**
- [Institutional Rankings](#)

**U-Multirank’s Subject Rankings 2021-2022 – Austria**
- [Agriculture (NEW)](#)
- [Veterinary Science (NEW)](#)
- [Dentistry (updated)](#)
- [Medicine (updated)](#)
- [Nursing (updated)](#)

**Press materials:**
- [Advanced press release](#) (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Overview Infographic 2021](#)
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 and Fundacion CYD. 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.