U-MULTIRANK 2021

The EU 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 725 EU higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from The European Union included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](#).
• 725 higher education institutions from the European Union are included in the 2021 edition of U-Multirank. In addition to universities and universities of applied sciences, these also include polytechnic institutes.

• The universities from the European Union with the highest number of top group positions (‘A’ scores) are Centrale Nantes in France (19) ahead of Aalto University, Eindhoven University of Technology and University of Antwerp (all three institutions with 18 ‘A’ scores).

• Among the ‘Top 25 Performers’ for student mobility are 9 universities from France, 6 from Sweden, 4 are based in Germany. The other institutions are located in Bulgaria, Latvia, Austria and in the Republic of Cyprus.

• Compared globally, EU universities perform strongest in research, international orientation and regional engagement, with more than 50% of all EU universities performing above average in each category.
WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Centrale Nantes (France) received the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for The European Union in 2021.

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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<th>Universities from the EU with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021</th>
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<td>Centrale Nantes (France)</td>
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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 EU’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.
23 EU universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in the area of student mobility in 2021.

Globally Top Performing EU Universities

In this section, U-Multirank presents the global Top 25 performers in a set of 12 categories measuring different areas of performance. These lists highlight the 25 top-performing universities from around the world with the highest scores.

Here we highlight EU universities that have achieved a global Top 25 score in the area of student mobility. For all EU universities awarded a Top 25 position in each of the 12 categories, visit our website.

Student mobility

- Audencia Business School
- Blekinge Institute of Technology
- Centrale Nantes
- EM Normandie Business School (France)
- EURECOM
- Institut Supérieur de l’Aéronautique et de l’Espace - SUPAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO)
- International School of Management (ISM)
- Jönköping University
- Kühne Logistics University (Germany)
- Kungliga Konsthögskolan
- Latvia Maritime Academy
- Lund University
WHAT DO EU UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

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- Munich Business School
- Newmaninstitutet
- Rennes School of Business
- Rezekne Academy of Technologies
- Sciences Po
- TBS
- University of Applied Sciences Kufstein Tirol
- Varna University of Management
- WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of EU 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.

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**The European Union's Performance**

**Above or below average?**

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<td>Knowledge Transfer</td>
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<td>International Orientation</td>
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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 – The European Union
- Institutional Rankings

### U-Multirank’s Subject Rankings
#### 2021-2022 – The European Union
- Agriculture (NEW)
- Veterinary Science (NEW)
- Dentistry (updated)
- Medicine (updated)
- Nursing (updated)
- Pharmacy (updated)
- Psychology (updated)
- Social Work (updated)

### Press materials:
- Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
- FAQ
- Overview Infographic 2021
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 The European Union 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.

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