

U-MULTIRANK 2020

British 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 155 British higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from the United Kingdom included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](#).

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

- In 2020, U-Multirank covers 155 out of 162 UK universities.
- In global perspective, UK universities are strong in the Teaching & Learning and International Orientation dimensions. For example, 80 UK universities have a top score ('A') in International Joint Publications, and 77 in Top-cited Publications.
- The strong performance of UK universities is shown by the fact that 27 universities reached top positions ('A' scores) in 10 or more indicators. These universities received their top scores across all 5 U-Multirank dimensions.
- Across the 5 U-Multirank performance dimensions, 2 institutions achieved 15 top scores (King's College London, University College London). The University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford reached 14 top scores overall, whereas 5 further institutions score 13 As: The University of Dundee, the University of Glasgow, the University of Edinburgh, Imperial College London, Queen Mary - University of London.
- In our selection of 10 indicators, 14 UK universities received 24 global top-25 performer entries. 2 universities are listed on 3 Indicators: London Business School (Income from Continuous Professional Development activities, International Joint Publications, and Top Cited Publications) and The Institute of Cancer Research (Co-Publications with Industrial Partners, Regional Joint Publications, and Top Cited Publications). The highest number of UK universities are listed for International Joint publications (7), Research Publications – absolute number (5) and Top-cited Publications (5).



WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM?

King's College London received the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for the United Kingdom 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.

British universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2020	Total 'A' scores 2020	Total 'A' scores 2019
<u>King's College London</u>	15 ↑	14
<u>University College London</u>	15 ↑	14
<u>University of Cambridge</u>	14 ↓	16
<u>University of Oxford</u>	14 =	14
<u>University of Dundee</u>	13 ↑	12
<u>University of Glasgow</u>	13 ↑	11
<u>The University of Edinburgh</u>	13 =	13
<u>Imperial College London</u>	13 ↑	10
<u>Queen Mary, University of London</u>	13 =	13

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

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF THE UK'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).



U-MULTIRANK PRESENTS SUNBURSTS

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

TEACHING & LEARNING	1 Bachelor graduation rate
	2 Masters graduation rate
	3 Graduating on time (Bachelors)
	4 Graduating on time (Masters)
RESEARCH	5 External research income
	6 Research publications (size-normalized)
	7 Art related output
	8 Citation rate
	9 Topcited publications
	10 Interdisciplinary publications
	11 Post-doc positions
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER	12 Income from private sources
	13 Co-publications with industrial partners
	14 Patents awarded (size-normalized)
	15 Industry co-patents
	16 Spin-offs
	17 Publications cited in patents
INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION	18 Income from continuous professional development
	19 Foreign language bachelor programmes
	20 Foreign language master programmes
	21 Student mobility
	22 International academic staff
	23 International doctorate degrees
REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT	24 International joint publications
	25 Bachelor graduates working in the region
	26 Student internships in the region
	27 Regional joint publications
	28 Income from regional sources
	29 Master graduates working in the region

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*For a list of definitions and calculations of indicators, see our *Indicator Book*.

WHAT DO BRITISH UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

15 British universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2020

TOP 25 PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN INTERNATIONAL JOINT PUBLICATIONS

By U-Multirank



In this list we present the U-Multirank 2020 top performers on the indicator 'international joint publications'. The percentage of international joint publications reflects the degree to which a university's research is connected to international research networks. The top performers all have at least 75 per cent of their publications published with co-authors from abroad.

America

3

Europe

15

Africa

1

Asia

6

- Yachay Tech University (Ecuador)
- National University of Mongolia (Mongolia)
- King Abdulaziz University (Saudi Arabia)
- Ilia State University (Georgia)
- University of Liechtenstein (Liechtenstein)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (Ecuador)
- Namibia University of Science and Technology (Namibia)
- Innopolis University (Russian Federation)
- University Guglielmo Marconi (Italy)
- State Institution "Dnipropetrovsk Medical Academy of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine" (Ukraine)
- Bangor University (United Kingdom)
- London Business School (United Kingdom)

- Glyndŵr University (United Kingdom)
- Moldova State University (Moldova)
- National College of Ireland (Ireland)
- Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
- University of Balamand (Lebanon)
- University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (United Kingdom)
- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Peru)
- Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) (United Kingdom)
- Aberystwyth University (United Kingdom)
- Queen's University Belfast (United Kingdom)
- Lviv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine)
- King Saud University (Saudi Arabia)

*The list is sorted by indicator scores in descending order; possible ties are not marked.



Globally Top Performing British 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.

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

Co-publications with industrial partners

- [Glyndŵr University](#)
- [The Institute of Cancer Research](#)
- [Scotland's Rural College \(SRUC\)](#)

Income from continuous professional development

- [London Business School](#)
- [The University of Northampton](#)

International joint publications

- [Bangor University](#)
- [London Business School](#)
- [Glyndŵr University](#)
- [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#)
- [Scotland's Rural College \(SRUC\)](#)
- [Aberystwyth University](#)
- [Queen's University Belfast](#)

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Globally Top Performing British Universities

Regional joint publications

- [The Institute of Cancer Research](#)

Open access publications

- [London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine](#)

Patents awarded

- [University of London](#)

Research publications

- [University of London](#)
- [University of Oxford](#)
- [University College London](#)
- [University of Cambridge](#)
- [Imperial College London](#)

Top cited publications

- [The Institute of Cancer Research](#)
- [London Business School](#)
- [University of Oxford](#)
- [University of Cambridge](#)
- [University College London](#)

**For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers,
please visit our [website](#).*

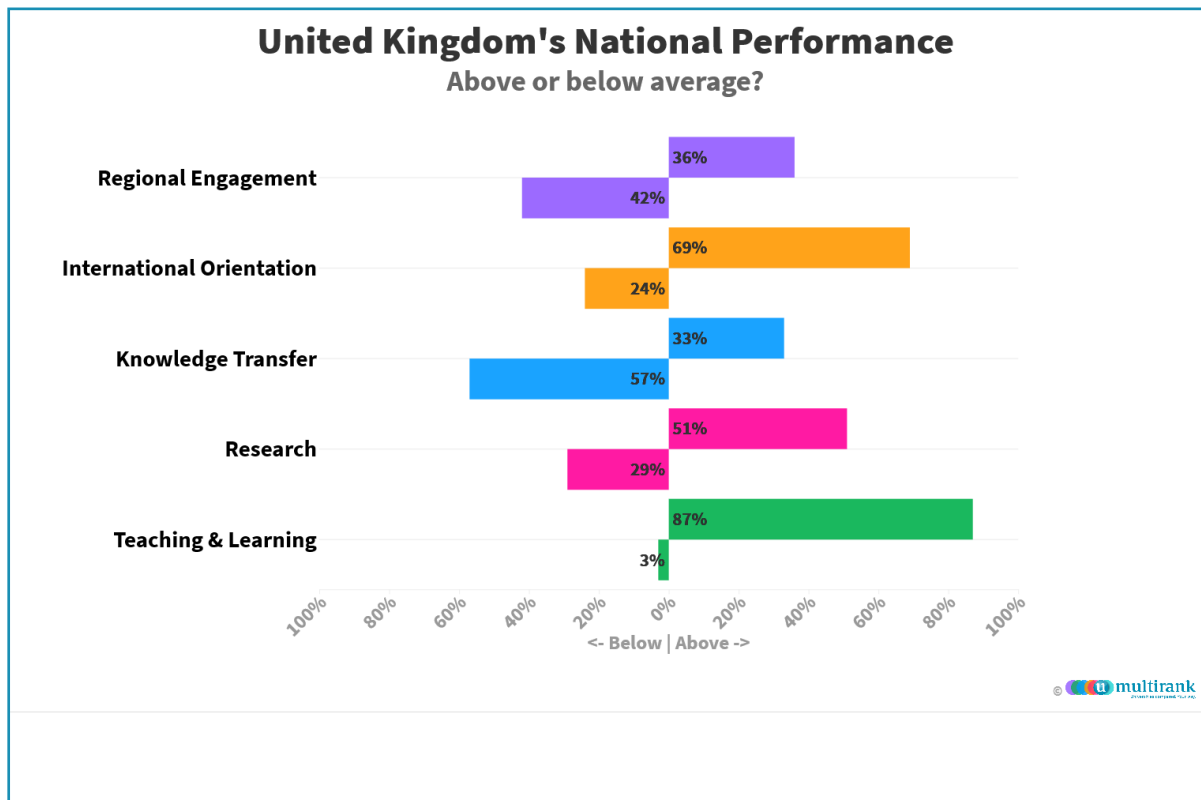
HOW DO BRITISH UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

British higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's Teaching & Learning and International Orientation dimensions.

Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of British 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.

University <small>Your selection: 153 universities</small>											
<small>Level of study: bachelor, master Regions: United Kingdom.</small>											
22.5.2020 <small>div.umultirank.org</small>		Teaching & Learning		Research		Knowledge Transfer		International Orientation		Regional Engagement	
		Bachelor graduation rate	Graduating on time (masters)	Citation rate	Research publications (size-normalised)	Co-publications with industrial partners	Patents awarded (size-normalised)	Student mobility	International joint publications	Bachelor graduates working in the region	Regional joint publications
King's College London	UK	A	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
University College London	UK	A	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
Queen Mary, University of London	UK	A	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
University of Cambridge	UK	A	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	D
University of Oxford	UK	A	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	D
Royal Holloway, University of London	UK	A	-	A	A	A	E	-	A	-	A
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	UK	-	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
University of London	UK	-	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
University of Dundee	UK	B	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	D
University of Southampton	UK	B	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	D
University of St Andrews	UK	A	-	A	A	B	A	-	A	-	D
University of Surrey	UK	A	-	B	A	A	D	-	A	-	A
Royal Melbourne	UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2020-2021 – United Kingdom

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

- [Linguistics Rankings \(new\)](#)
- [Political Science Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [Social Geography Rankings \(new\)](#)
- [Sociology Rankings \(updated\)](#)

U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2020-2021 – United Kingdom

- [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](#)



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.

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