

QS World University Rankings

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The QS system now comprises the global overall and subject rankings (which name the world's top universities for the study of 48 different subjects and five composite faculty areas), alongside five independent regional tables (Asia, Latin America, Emerging Europe and Central Asia, the Arab Region, and BRICS).^[1]

Being the only international ranking to have received International Ranking Expert Group (IREG) approval,^[2] the QS ranking is viewed as one of the three most-widely read university rankings in the world, along with *Academic Ranking of World Universities* and *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*.^{[3][4][5][6]} However, it has been criticized for its overreliance on subjective indicators and reputation surveys, which tend to fluctuate over the years.^{[7][8][9][10][11]} Concern also exists regarding the global consistency and integrity of the data used to generate QS ranking results.^{[8][12][13][14]}




































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This is the 2004 THE–QS World University Rankings list of the top 200 universities in the world.


















Rank	University	Country
1	<u>Harvard University (Cambridge)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
2	<u>University of California, Berkeley</u>	 <u>United States</u>
3	<u>Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
4	<u>California Institute of Technology (Pasadena)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
5	<u>University of Oxford</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
6	<u>University of Cambridge</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
7	<u>Stanford University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
8	<u>Yale University (New Haven)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
9	<u>Princeton University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
10	<u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETH Zurich)</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>
11	<u>London University – School of Economics</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
12	<u>Tokyo University</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
13	<u>University of Chicago</u>	 <u>United States</u>
14	<u>London University – Imperial College</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
15	<u>Texas University, Austin</u>	 <u>United States</u>
16	<u>Australian National University (Canberra)</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
17	<u>Peking University</u>	 <u>China</u>
18	<u>Singapore National University</u>	 <u>Singapore</u>
19	<u>Columbia University (New York City)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
20	<u>University of California, San Francisco</u>	 <u>United States</u>
21	<u>McGill University</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
22	<u>Melbourne University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
23	<u>Cornell University (Ithaca)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
24	<u>University of California, San Diego</u>	 <u>United States</u>
25	<u>Johns Hopkins University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
26	<u>University of California, Los Angeles</u>	 <u>United States</u>
27	<u>École Polytechnique (Paris)</u>	 <u>France</u>
28	<u>Pennsylvania University (Philadelphia)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
29	<u>Kyoto University</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
30	<u>Paris École Normale Supérieure</u>	 <u>France</u>
31	<u>Michigan University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
32	<u>Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL)</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>
33	<u>Monash University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
34	<u>London University – University College</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
35	<u>Illinois University (Champaign/Urbana)</u>	 <u>United States</u>

36	<u>New South Wales University (Kensington)</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
37	<u>University of Toronto</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
38	<u>Carnegie Mellon University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
39	<u>Hong Kong University</u>	 <u>Hong Kong</u>
40	<u>Sydney University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
41	<u>Indian Institute of Technology</u>	 <u>India</u>
42	<u>Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</u>	 <u>Hong Kong</u>
43	<u>Manchester University & UMIST</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
44	<u>London University – School of Oriental and African Studies</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
45	<u>Massachusetts University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
46	<u>University of British Columbia (Kelowna/Vancouver)</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
47	<u>Heidelberg University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
48	<u>University of Edinburgh</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
49	<u>Queensland University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
50	<u>Nanyang University</u>	 <u>Singapore</u>
51	<u>Tokyo Institute of Technology</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
52	<u>Duke University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
53	<u>Louvain University</u>	 <u>Belgium</u>
54	<u>Brussels Free University (French-speaking)</u>	 <u>Belgium</u>
55	<u>RMIT University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
56	<u>Adelaide University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
57	<u>Paris 06 – Pierre and Marie Curie University</u>	 <u>France</u>
58	<u>Sussex University (Falmer)</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
59	<u>Purdue University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
60	<u>Berlin Technical University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
61	<u>Brown University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
62	<u>Tsing Hua University</u>	 <u>China</u>
63	<u>Copenhagen University</u>	 <u>Denmark</u>
64	<u>Rotterdam University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
65	<u>Georgia Institute of Technology</u>	 <u>United States</u>
66	<u>Wisconsin University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
67	<u>Auckland University</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>
68	<u>Macquarie University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
69	<u>Osaka University</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
70	<u>University of St Andrews</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
71	<u>Paris 04 – Paris-Sorbonne University</u>	 <u>France</u>

72	<u>University of California, Santa Barbara</u>	 <u>United States</u>
73	<u>Northwestern University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
74	<u>Washington University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
75	<u>Boston University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
76	<u>Curtin University of Technology</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
77	<u>Vienna Technical University</u>	 <u>Austria</u>
78	<u>Delft Technology University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
79	<u>New York University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
80	<u>Warwick University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
81	<u>Yeshiva University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
82	<u>The University of Minnesota</u>	 <u>United States</u>
83	<u>Eindhoven Technology University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
84	<u>Hong Kong Chinese University</u>	 <u>Hong Kong</u>
85	<u>Göttingen University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
86	<u>Rochester University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
87	<u>Dublin University – Trinity College</u>	 <u>Ireland</u>
88	<u>Case Western Reserve University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
89	<u>Malaya University</u>	 <u>Malaysia</u>
90	<u>University of Alabama</u>	 <u>United States</u>
91	<u>University of St Andrews</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
92	<u>Moscow State University</u>	 <u>Russia</u>
93	<u>Jerusalem Hebrew University</u>	 <u>Israel</u>
94	<u>Vienna University</u>	 <u>Austria</u>
95	<u>Munich Technical University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
96	<u>University of Western Australia</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
97	<u>London University – King's College</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
98	<u>Amsterdam University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
99	<u>Munich University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
100	<u>London University – Queen Mary</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
101	<u>Oslo University</u>	 <u>Norway</u>
102	<u>National Taiwan University</u>	 <u>Taiwan</u>
103	<u>University of Bath</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
104	<u>Tufts University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
105	<u>Texas A&M University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
106	<u>Iowa University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
107	<u>Colorado University</u>	 <u>United States</u>






108	<u>Massey University</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>
109	<u>Washington University in St. Louis</u>	 <u>United States</u>
110	<u>Chalmers University of Technology</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>
111	<u>Malaysia Science University</u>	 <u>Malaysia</u>
112	<u>University of Glasgow</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
113	<u>Sydney Technology University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
114	<u>Otago University</u>	 <u>New Zealand</u>
115	<u>Brandeis University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
116	<u>Michigan State University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
117	<u>The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</u>	 <u>United States</u>
118	<u>Virginia University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
119	<u>Seoul National University</u>	 <u>South Korea</u>
120	<u>Utrecht University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
121	<u>Paris 11 – Paris-Sud University</u>	 <u>France</u>
122	<u>Royal Institute of Technology (Stockholm)</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>
123	<u>Maastricht University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
124	<u>Stuttgart University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
125	<u>Berlin University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
126	<u>Birmingham University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
127	<u>Aarhus University</u>	 <u>Denmark</u>
128	<u>Durham University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
129	<u>Helsinki University</u>	 <u>Finland</u>
130	<u>Penn State University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
131	<u>Leiden University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
132	<u>Strasbourg University</u>	 <u>France</u>
133	<u>University of Leeds</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
134	<u>Maryland University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
135	<u>Bonn University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
136	<u>Stony Brook University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
137	<u>York University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
138	<u>Dartmouth College</u>	 <u>United States</u>
139	<u>Stockholm University</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>
140	<u>Uppsala University</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>
141	<u>Utah University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
142	<u>La Trobe University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
143	<u>University of Waterloo</u>	 <u>Canada</u>








144	<u>Toulouse University</u>	 <u>France</u>
145	<u>Denmark Technical University</u>	 <u>Denmark</u>
146	<u>Rice University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
147	<u>Hamburg University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
148	<u>McMaster University</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
149	<u>Kiel University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
150	<u>University of Sheffield</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
151	<u>University of Liverpool</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
152	<u>Karlsruhe University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
153	<u>Tohoku University</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
154	<u>China Science and Technology University</u>	 <u>China</u>
155	<u>Montpellier 1 University</u>	 <u>France</u>
156	<u>Vanderbilt University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
157	<u>Frankfurt University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
158	<u>Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (Haifa)</u>	 <u>Israel</u>
159	<u>Madrid Autonomous University</u>	 <u>Spain</u>
160	<u>Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology</u>	 <u>South Korea</u>
161	<u>Tasmania University</u>	 <u>Australia</u>
162	<u>Rome University – La Sapienza</u>	 <u>Italy</u>
163	<u>Pohang Science and Technology University</u>	 <u>South Korea</u>
164	<u>Innsbruck University</u>	 <u>Austria</u>
165	<u>Georgetown University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
166	<u>University of Alberta</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
167	<u>Nagoya University</u>	 <u>Japan</u>
168	<u>University of Dundee</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
169	<u>Würzburg University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
170	<u>University of Nottingham</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
171	<u>Lund University</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>
172	<u>Darmstadt Technology University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
173	<u>Emory University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
174	<u>Indiana University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
175	<u>University of California, Santa Cruz</u>	 <u>United States</u>
176	<u>Helsinki Technology University</u>	 <u>Finland</u>
177	<u>Université de Montréal</u>	 <u>Canada</u>
178	<u>Freiburg University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
179	<u>Newcastle University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>

180	<u>University of Southern California</u>	 <u>United States</u>
181	<u>Lancaster University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
182	<u>University of California, Davis</u>	 <u>United States</u>
183	<u>University of Arizona</u>	 <u>United States</u>
184	<u>Aachen RWTH</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
185	<u>Belfast Queen's University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
186	<u>Bologna University</u>	 <u>Italy</u>
187	<u>Norwegian Science and Technology University (Trondheim)</u>	 <u>Norway</u>
188	<u>Tulane University (New Orleans)</u>	 <u>United States</u>
189	<u>Leicester University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
190	<u>Rutgers University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
191	<u>Nijmegen University</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>
192	<u>Nanjing University</u>	 <u>China</u>
193	<u>Southampton University</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
194	<u>University of Aberdeen</u>	 <u>United Kingdom</u>
195	<u>Mexico National Autonomous University</u>	 <u>Mexico</u>
196	<u>Fudan University</u>	 <u>China</u>
197	<u>Bremen University</u>	 <u>Germany</u>
198	<u>Hong Kong City University</u>	 <u>Hong Kong</u>
199	<u>Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</u>	 <u>United States</u>
200	<u>Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute</u>	 <u>United States</u>

QS World University Rankings—Top 50^[note 1]

Institution	2012/13 ^[53]	2013/14 ^[54]	2014/15 ^[55]	2015/16 ^[56]	2016/17 ^[57]	2018 ^[58]	2019 ^[59]	2020 ^[60]
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
 Stanford University	15	7	7	3	2	2	2	2
 Harvard University	3	2	4	2	3	3	3	3
 University of Oxford	5	6	5	6	6	6	5	4
 California Institute of Technology	10	10	8	5	5	4	4	5
 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich	13	12	12	9	8	10	7	6
 University of Cambridge	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7
 University College London	4	4	5	7	7	7	10	8
 Imperial College London	6	5	2	8	9	8	8	9
 University of Chicago	8	9	11	10	10	9	9	10
 Nanyang Technological University	47	41	39	13	13	11	12	11
 National University of Singapore	25	24	22	12	12	15	11	11
 Princeton University	9	10	9	11	11	13	13	13
 Cornell University	14	15	19	17	16	14	14	14
 University of Pennsylvania	12	13	13	18	18	19	19	15
 Tsinghua University	48	48	47	25	24	25	17	16
 Yale University	7	8	10	15	15	16	15	17
 Columbia University	11	14	14	22	20	18	16	18
 École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	29	19	17	14	14	12	22	18
 The University of Edinburgh	21	17	17	21	19	23	18	20
 University of	17	22	23	30	23	21	20	21

Michigan								
 Peking University	44	46	57	41	39	38	30	22
 The University of Tokyo	30	32	31	39	34	28	23	22
 Johns Hopkins University	16	16	14	16	17	17	21	24
 Duke University	20	23	25	29	24	21	26	25
 The University of Hong Kong	23	26	28	30	27	26	25	25
 The University of Manchester	32	33	30	33	29	34	29	27
 University of California, Berkeley	22	25	27	26	28	27	27	28
 Australian National University	24	27	25	19	22	20	24	29
 University of Toronto	19	17	20	34	32	31	28	29
 Northwestern University	27	29	34	32	26	28	34	31
 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	33	34	40	28	36	30	37	32
 King's College London	26	19	16	19	21	23	31	33
 Kyoto University	35	35	36	38	37	36	35	33
 McGill University	18	21	21	24	30	32	33	35
 University of California, Los Angeles	31	40	37	27	31	33	32	35
 Seoul National University	37	35	31	36	35	36	36	37
 University of Melbourne	36	31	33	42	42	41	39	38
 New York University	43	44	41	53	46	52	43	39
 Fudan University	90	88	71	51	43	40	44	40
 Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology	63	60	51	43	46	41	40	41
 University of Sydney	39	38	37	45	46	50	42	42
 University of	52	52	48	46	49	45	45	43

New South Wales								
 London School of Economics	69	68	71	35	37	35	38	44
 University of California, San Diego	70	63	59	44	40	38	41	45
 Chinese University of Hong Kong	40	39	46	51	44	46	49	46
 The University of Queensland	46	43	43	46	51	47	48	47
 Carnegie Mellon University	49	57	65	62	58	47	46	48
 University of Bristol	28	30	29	37	41	44	51	49
 Delft University of Technology	103	95	86	64	62	54	52	50

- For the rankings before 2010, see [THE-QS World University Rankings](#).