LATEST TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUBJECT RANKINGS REVEAL THE GLOBAL LEADING INSTITUTIONS ACROSS 11 SUBJECT AREAS

- Times Higher Education's (THE) annual World Subject Rankings cover 11 subject areas, giving an overview of the best places in the world to study a chosen discipline
- A record 1512 institutions are ranked in the 2021 Subject Rankings across the 11 subject areas, with 522 newly ranked this year
- US most represented country or region in top 100 in all subject areas, claiming number one positions in 9 fields of study
- UK 2nd most represented in all subject area top 100s, as University of Oxford achieves top spot in **Clinical and Health** and **Computer Science**,
- Over 85% of the 8 Australian institutions in the top 100 for **Education** improve their previous rankings position
- Canada is the joint 3rd most represented country or region in the top 100 for **Clinical and Health** courses
- Singapore has two positions in the top 40 for **Physical Sciences** for the first time, as Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (joint 40th) moves into the group
- In **Law**, Spain's University of Navarra (44th) and Pompeu Fabra University (joint 72nd) qualify for the first time, both ranking in the top 100
- Germany's Technical University of Munich (14th) moves into the top 15 for **Computer Science**

- View the full THE World Subject Rankings 2021 here (live from 0900 (GMT) Wednesday 28 October 2020): https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject

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Times Higher Education (THE) has today announced the results of its World Subject Rankings 2021, covering 11 subject areas (Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Clinical and Health, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Psychology, and Social Sciences) and providing an overview of the best places in the world to study a

chosen discipline. This year's rankings sees a record 1512 universities rank in at least one subject area, with 522 qualifying for the first time.

United States

The US' status as a global superpower in higher education stands strong after a remarkable performance across the board in each field of study. As well as being the most represented country or region in the top 100 across all individual rankings, US institutions achieved 9 number one spots among them. For the first time ever, the US also secures 8 places in the top 10 for **Life Sciences** as the University of California, Berkeley (8th) moves into the group, despite an additional 106 debutants.

United Kingdom

The UK enjoys similarly impressive achievements across the board. In addition to being the second most represented in all 11 subject area top 100s, the University of Oxford retains its number one position in both **Clinical and Health**, and **Computer Science**. In Clinical and Health – where the University of Oxford tops the table for the 10th consecutive year – over 75% of the UK institutions ranking in the top 100 have either improved or maintained their previous ranking position.

Australia

There are a number of success stories in the ranking for **Education**, where the US' Stanford University (1st) claims top spot for the 4th consecutive year. Over 85% of the Australian universities (7 out of 8) in the top 100 improve their previous ranking position, including the University of Melbourne (17th) climbing into the top 20 for the first time. Another notable achievement in **Education** comes from Canada's University of Montreal (74th), which climbs over 127 places to rank in the top 100 for the first time, after previously ranking in the 201-250 band.

Canada

Canadian universities also made a mark in the ranking for **Clinical and Health**, as it ranks as the joint 3rd most represented country or region in the top 100 (joint with the Netherlands), second only to the US and UK. The University of Toronto (6th) holds on to its position in the top 10, as McMaster University (11th) climbs 15 places, edging closer to the group. Singapore's National University of

Singapore (18th) also saw growing strength in **Clinical and Health**, moving up one place to cement itself in the top 20.

Singapore

For the very first time, more than one Singaporean university ranks in the top 40 for **Physical Sciences**, as Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (40th) moves into the group, and the National University of Singapore (18th) climbs the ranking. Both institutions also retain their top 20 positions in **Engineering** (National University of Singapore, joint 12th, and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 15th), despite an additional 118 debutants.

Europe

Within Europe, Spain's University of Navarra (44th) and Pompeu Fabra University (joint 72nd) are among the 37 institutions to debut in the ranking for **Law**, and both achieve positions in the top 100. Despite an additional 97 debutants ranking in **Computer Science**, Germany's Technical University of Munich (14th) moves into the top 15 for the first time since 2017.

Rest of the World

China's Peking University (7th) moves into the top 10 in **Engineering** for the first time since 2018, and Tsinghua University (12th) moves closer to a top 10 finish in **Computer Science**. Israel's Tel Aviv University (joint 96th) enters the top 100 for **Psychology** for the first time, after previously ranking in the 126-150 band. The Victoria University of Wellington (79th) of New Zealand ranks in the top 100 for **Education**, joining the University of Auckland (joint 46th), which retains its position in the top 50.

Ellie Bothwell, Global Rankings Editor & International Reporter, THE, commented:

"With Covid-19 disrupting student decision-making about where, when or what to study, these rankings demonstrate that there are many places in the world to achieve a first-class education, either at home or abroad. While those looking to study abroad can't go wrong by continuing to look to the established educational powerhouses of the US and the UK, and the continually rising quality of Canada and Australia, these tables make it clear that there are various other places to consider if you want to study in a specific discipline. With more institutions than ever included,

it's testament to the growing strength of the higher education sector across the globe."

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1. **About the Subject Rankings and Methodology**

2. **Summary Results and Tables**

Arts and Humanities

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Stanford University	United States	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	2
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	3
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	4

UCL	United Kingdom	5
Harvard University	United States	6
The University of Chicago	United States	7
University of California, Berkeley	United States	8
Princeton University	United States	9
University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom	10

Business and Economics

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Stanford University	United States	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	2
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	3
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	4
Harvard University	United States	5
The University of Chicago	United States	6
London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom	7
Yale University	United States	8
University of California, Berkeley	United States	9
Duke University	United States	10

Clinical and Health

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	1
Harvard University	United States	2
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	3
Imperial College London	United Kingdom	4
Stanford University	United States	5
University of Toronto	Canada	6
Yale University	United States	7
Johns Hopkins University	United States	8
UCL	United Kingdom	9
Karolinska Institute	Sweden	10

Computer Science

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	1
Stanford University	United States	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	3
ETH Zurich	Switzerland	4
Carnegie Mellon University	United States	5

University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	6
Harvard University	United States	7
National University of Singapore	Singapore	8
University of California, Berkeley	United States	9
Imperial College London	United Kingdom	10

Education

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Stanford University	United States	1
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	2
Harvard University	United States	3
University of California, Berkeley	United States	4
University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	5
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	6
Tsinghua University	China	7
University of California, Los Angeles	United States	8
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	United States	9
Vanderbilt University	United States	10

Engineering

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Harvard University	United States	1
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	2
Stanford University	United States	3
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	4
University of California, Berkeley	United States	5
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	6
California Institute of Technology	United States	7
Princeton University	United States	8
ETH Zurich	Switzerland	=9
Peking University	China	=9

Law

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Stanford University	United States	1
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	2
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	3
The University of Chicago	United States	4
Yale University	United States	5
Duke University	United States	6

New York University	United States	7
UCL	United Kingdom	8
Harvard University	United States	9
London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom	10

Life Sciences

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Harvard University	United States	1
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	2
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	3
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	4
Stanford University	United States	5
Yale University	United States	6
California Institute of Technology	United States	7
University of California, Berkeley	United States	8
Johns Hopkins University	United States	9
Princeton University	United States	10

Physical Sciences

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
California Institute of Technology	United States	1
University of California, Berkeley	United States	2
Stanford University	United States	3
Princeton University	United States	4
Harvard University	United States	=5
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	=5
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	7
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	8
ETH Zurich	Switzerland	9
Yale University	United States	10

Psychology

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Stanford University	United States	1
Princeton University	United States	2
UCL	United Kingdom	3
University of California, Berkeley	United States	4
The University of Chicago	United States	5
Harvard University	United States	6
Yale University	United States	7

University of Pennsylvania	United States	8
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	United States	9
University of California, Los Angeles	United States	10

Social Sciences

University Name	Country / Region	Rank
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States	1
University of Oxford	United Kingdom	2
Stanford University	United States	3
Harvard University	United States	4
University of California, Berkeley	United States	5
University of Cambridge	United Kingdom	6
Princeton University	United States	7
London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom	8
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	United States	9
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Number of universities ranked per subject area

Subject Area	Newly ranked this year	Total universities ranked
Arts and Humanities	36	565
Business and Economics	110	729
Clinical and Health	91	856
Computer Science	97	827
Education	68	537
Engineering	118	1098
Law	37	224
Life Sciences	106	895
Physical Sciences	126	1149
Psychology	45	533
Social Sciences	90	791
Total	522	1512 (*ranked in at least one subject area*)

3. Notes to Editors:

About THE:

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