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University league table 2021

Based on nine key measures relevant to student experience, this is the definitive ranking for British universities. Use the dropdown menus to access 67 subject tables, our unique social inclusion ranking, and a host of other snapshots of university performance

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Overall institutional ranking

RANK	LAST YEAR RANK	UNIVERSITY	TEACHING QUALITY (%)	STUDENT EXPERIENCE (%)	RESEARCH QUALITY (%)	ENTRY STANDARDS (UCAS PTS)	GRADUATE PROSPECTS (%)	FIRSTS/2:1s (%)	COMPLETION RATE (%)	STUDENT-STAFF RATIO	SERVICES/ FACILITIES SPEND (£)	TOTAL
1	1	University of Cambridge	n/a	n/a	57.3	212	91.4	92.9	98.7	11.2	3,828	1,000
2	2	University of Oxford	n/a	n/a	53.1	203	90.6	94.0	98.1	10.3	3,436	982
3	3	University of St Andrews	86.7	86.3	40.4	211	81.9	90.6	95.0	11.2	3,725	967
4	6	London School of Economics and Political Science	77.3	74.3	52.8	170	92.5	92.2	97.2	11.9	2,941	898
5	4	Imperial College London	75.5	78.5	56.2	189	95.4	91.5	96.8	11.1	3,914	859
6	7	Durham University	79.0	76.2	39.0	188	87.0	91.7	95.6	14.7	3,498	841
7	5	Loughborough University	82.4	84.8	36.3	153	83.6	84.4	93.3	13.4	3,410	810
8	9	University College London	75.4	75.7	51.0	175	86.1	88.9	94.6	10.4	2,823	798
9	11	University of Bath	79.1	80.9	37.3	174	89.4	89.0	96.2	14.9	2,736	790
10=	8	Lancaster University	79.4	77.8	39.1	150	81.9	79.6	93.0	12.5	3,588	769
10=	10	University of Warwick	78.6	77.9	44.6	171	85.2	86.7	94.9	13.8	2,580	769
12	12	University of Exeter	78.4	79.3	38.0	163	83.3	86.7	94.6	15.2	2,805	741
13	15	University of Bristol	76.4	75.0	47.3	169	83.6	90.1	95.0	13.3	2,548	730
14	16	University of Glasgow	78.4	79.4	39.9	204	81.3	82.6	88.0	13.4	2,747	729
15=	13	University of Leeds	77.7	77.2	36.8	163	82.0	87.2	93.5	13.7	3,096	727
15=	20	University of Southampton	79.0	78.8	44.9	153	81.6	85.8	92.0	13.3	2,700	727
17	25	University of Edinburgh	72.8	72.9	43.8	187	81.2	89.5	93.8	11.9	2,379	724
18	18	University of Manchester	76.7	75.5	39.8	165	83.0	82.9	93.5	13.1	3,349	718
19	14	University of Birmingham	76.4	74.9	37.1	159	84.7	86.2	94.6	14.1	3,331	712
20	22	University of York	80.7	78.7	38.3	151	81.7	82.4	94.3	14.4	1,982	700
21	23	University of East Anglia	80.7	79.1	35.8	138	79.6	84.7	87.8	13.5	2,924	696
22	19	Royal Holloway, University of London	79.7	79.2	36.3	134	75.0	81.5	91.2	14.7	2,913	689
23=	24	University of Dundee	80.9	80.7	31.2	176	84.4	76.5	87.7	14.3	2,779	676
23=	26	University of Sheffield	79.7	80.6	37.6	152	81.8	82.7	93.2	14.7	2,327	676
23=	36	University of Strathclyde	78.5	79.5	37.7	200	83.4	84.9	87.8	19.5	2,090	676
26	21	University of Nottingham	77.0	75.6	37.8	150	84.9	84.4	92.1	14.5	2,888	672
27	27	University of Aberdeen	78.4	80.3	29.9	183	79.8	86.2	88.9	16.2	2,517	666
28	17	Harper Adams University	84.6	82.7	5.7	124	71.2	73.0	87.6	14.8	4,029	665
29	29	University of Liverpool	80.0	80.2	31.5	143	80.6	78.8	92.7	14.4	2,899	660
30	30	King's College London	72.5	70.8	44.0	164	86.3	85.5	91.4	11.9	2,810	654
31=	28	Newcastle University	76.4	77.1	37.7	150	81.4	82.0	95.1	14.2	2,483	652
31=	35	Queen's University, Belfast	76.1	76.3	39.7	152	84.7	85.0	91.6	14.6	2,423	652
31=	38=	University of Reading	78.1	77.2	36.5	127	78.9	81.9	91.3	15.8	2,880	652
34	34	Cardiff University	76.9	75.8	35.0	154	83.1	81.7	91.8	14.3	2,581	645
35	33	Heriot-Watt University	77.1	78.0	36.7	168	80.8	79.3	84.4	17.8	3,268	644
36	31	Swansea University	80.6	80.7	33.7	129	82.6	79.1	89.2	15.0	2,293	643
37	41	University of Leicester	77.0	77.3	31.8	132	76.9	78.9	94.0	13.7	2,830	630
38	47	University of Stirling	82.2	78.6	30.5	165	77.4	76.3	81.3	16.2	2,011	625
39	32	University of Surrey	75.0	76.9	29.7	146	85.5	79.9	88.9	15.8	2,800	616
40	37	University of Essex	78.8	78.0	37.2	107	73.6	75.4	84.3	16.7	3,691	610
41	49	Queen Mary, University of London	72.8	73.9	37.9	152	80.3	86.0	90.7	13.0	2,208	602
42	45	Aberystwyth University	87.3	86.4	28.1	123	66.9	70.7	82.8	16.8	2,493	598
43	48	Aston University	77.8	77.9	25.8	128	81.3	81.9	89.9	16.1	2,126	594
44	38=	University of Sussex	76.1	73.6	31.8	142	76.2	75.3	89.9	17.4	2,563	579
45	51	University of Lincoln	82.4	81.3	10.3	120	72.9	75.9	88.7	15.3	2,295	578
46=	71	University of Chichester	83.8	81.1	6.4	122	69.5	75.6	90.5	14.4	1,926	572
46=	50	Coventry University	82.4	80.5	3.8	122	78.6	74.6	81.8	13.9	2,625	572
48	54	University of Kent	77.9	76.8	35.2	131	72.9	78.0	88.8	17.0	1,952	569
49	67	St George's, University of London	71.7	73.1	22.2	156	90.3	78.1	94.4	13.3	5,211	564
50	44	SOAS University of London	75.0	71.3	27.9	158	68.5	82.5	82.0	11.6	1,469	562
51=	46	Keele University	80.5	79.0	22.1	123	78.2	76.0	86.9	14.3	2,266	560
51=	58=	Ulster University	79.6	78.9	31.8	128	76.6	78.6	80.3	18.1	2,574	560
53	40	Nottingham Trent University	82.3	81.3	6.5	125	71.7	69.7	86.7	14.8	2,495	558
54	43	Arts University Bournemouth	86.5	83.2	2.4	147	57.3	68.3	91.4	14.5	1,745	556
55	56=	Leeds Arts University	83.5	79.6	n/a	152	62.4	76.7	93.6	14.1	1,334	554
56	64	Oxford Brookes University	76.3	76.3	11.4	122	78.5	78.8	89.4	14.7	2,408	549
57	65=	Northumbria University	79.4	77.0	9.0	143	75.2	78.7	83.8	15.5	2,332	544
58	58=	University of the West of England	83.9	83.0	8.8	121	76.8	74.5	82.5	15.4	1,897	541
59	76	Plymouth University	82.7	80.0	15.9	128	76.5	73.7	83.5	16.2	2,342	538
60=	77	University of Hull	80.3	78.6	16.7	125	75.0	73.7	82.9	15.1	2,594	537
60=	52	University of West London	86.3	85.2	1.6	123	68.0	75.4	77.8	15.2	2,483	537
62	70	Bangor University	81.1	79.6	27.2	125	73.2	72.0	83.8	15.7	1,932	536
63	101	Edinburgh Napier University	81.6	80.2	4.6	152	74.3	78.8	81.1	18.2	2,524	535
64	102=	Bishop Grosseteste University	84.7	81.2	2.1	109	71.0	70.7	89.0	18.4	2,445	532
65	62=	Manchester Metropolitan University	80.2	78.1	7.5	131	66.5	72.8	85.1	15.0	2,831	530
66	83	Robert Gordon University	84.3	82.2	4.0	156	78.5	72.0	84.5	18.7	1,706	528
67	65=	Sheffield Hallam University	80.6	77.4	5.4	116	77.1	75.7	85.5	16.8	2,702	525
68	94	Bournemouth University	78.3	76.2	9.0	115	79.0	78.8	84.3	17.6	2,455	524
69	79=	University of Chester	82.4	80.1	4.1	116	67.8	71.5	79.7	15.1	2,879	511
70	55	Edge Hill University	78.0	76.7	4.9	130	72.0	71.3	84.2	14.0	2,587	510
71	42	University for the Creative Arts	81.9	74.5	3.4	136	54.2	73.5	84.8	13.7	2,775	509
72	56=	University of Portsmouth	81.1	79.4	8.6	113	72.9	73.6	83.8	16.1	2,281	504
73=	61	University of Huddersfield	78.5	75.6	9.4	128	72.0	75.6	83.5	15.5	2,455	502
73=	89=	Royal Agricultural University	78.4	77.3	1.1	120	70.3	67.6	94.4	19.8	3,130	502
75	96=	Glasgow Caledonian University	80.8	79.0	7.0	159	74.6	80.3	85.0	21.4	1,881	500
76	53	Staffordshire University	83.7	79.4	16.5	120	66.7	73.4	79.7	17.5	2,289	498
77	62=	Norwich University of the Arts	80.5	76.9	5.6	130	56.2	70.8	84.1	15.2	3,013	495
78	69	University of Roehampton	79.0	77.9	24.5	103	61.6	66.7	75.1	14.8	3,321	493
79	112	Cardiff Metropolitan University	81.1	80.2	3.9	128	72.2	70.6	80.1	18.1	2,561	492
80=	98=	Abertay University	87.0	81.2	5.1	148	67.3	75.8	74.3	21.2	1,853	490
80=	60	Liverpool Hope University	83.1	79.4	9.2	114	62.9	71.8	77.3	15.0	2,147	490
82	73	City, University of London	71.7	72.1	22.6	136	76.7	75.6	87.5	17.3	2,709	488
83=	79=	University of the Arts, London	76.7	69.7	8.0	135	57.9	72.2	84.2	13.7	3,178	487
83=	81	York St John University	84.4	80.7	4.1	103	66.9	n/a	86.4	18.0	2,204	487
85	78	Liverpool John Moores University	79.8	79.5	8.9	145	69.8	73.7	82.1	16.8	1,829	484
86	85	St Mary's University, Twickenham	82.0	80.1	4.0	110	70.1	75.1	82.8	18.0	1,922	479
87	75	University of Central Lancashire	78.4	75.7	5.6	127	72.5	72.3	76.2	13.3	2,629	476
88	100	Brunel University London	73.9	73.9	25.4	119	75.0	75.6	87.5	17.7	1,945	471
89	82	Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	80.3	76.1	6.6	153	71.8	79.6	79.3	19.5	1,676	469
90=	96=	Birmingham City University	80.3	76.7	4.3	123	71.4	74.4	84.0	16.6	2,102	468
90=	114	University of South Wales	82.0	78.0	4.0	121	68.0	70.4	81.7	15.1	1,955	468
92	87	Teesside University	82.1	78.7	3.6	120	78.1	71.6	77.9	18.2	2,634	467
93	89=	Solent University	82.5	79.9	0.5	124	64.1	70.7	78.5	15.8	2,149	466
94=	91	University of Derby	83.0	80.4	2.5	118	68.7	66.9	78.3	14.6	1,957	465
94=	72	Falmouth University	81.7	77.2	4.6	126	59.7	76.4	86.9	17.3	1,704	465
96	98=	University of Winchester	79.8	75.9	5.8	110	66.5	74.3	84.2	16.5	1,810	463
97	68	Goldsmiths, University of London	70.0	63.8	33.4	127	62.4	79.6	78.0	14.9	3,106	461
98	84	University of Greenwich	78.0	76.3	4.9	122	73.0	77.1	81.4	17.8	2,314	460
99	88	University of Hertfordshire	79.3	78.1	5.6	107	71.3	65.7	82.0	14.8	2,859	458
100	111	University of Salford	79.4	76.7	8.3	127	72.8	71.7	81.9	16.5	2,100	456
101=	102=	University of Wales Trinity St David	84.9	79.3	2.6	135	57.3	73.5	77.0	16.3	1,873	453
101=	92=	University of Worcester	83.6	81.7	4.3	117	72.4	66.0	82.1	17.8	1,715	453
103	109	University of Sunderland	80.4	78.1	5.8	113	66.2	61.3	78.4	15.5	2,946	450
104=	110	Bath Spa University	77.5	73.1	7.9	112	62.4	80.1	84.0	17.2	2,165	445
104=	106	Kingston University	79.1	77.3	5.1	117	70.2	71.3	80.9	16.8	2,761	445
106	105	University of Bradford	76.5	76.3	9.2	125	75.6	79.9	82.5	18.0	2,217	444
107	123	Leeds Beckett University	81.8	80.3	4.1	107	69.7	71.3	76.1	19.2	2,325	443
108	92=	University of Buckingham	82.5	81.0	n/a	121	74.7	63.5	83.1	15.0	805	442
109	95	University of Gloucestershire	81.1	76.9	3.8	116	64.5	71.8	81.4	17.7	1,979	441
110	117	Leeds Trinity University	80.4	78.7	2.0	104	68.3	78.7	80.3	21.0	1,952	439
111	116	University of Northampton	80.1	74.7	3.2	102	69.0	66.9	78.8	16.2	2,889	438
112=	113	Bucks New University	82.5	79.8	1.5	109	69.6	58.2	79.3	16.5	2,796*	437
112=	115	Newman University	84.4	82.2	2.8	110	63.5	66.8	78.1	17.1	1,778	437
114	121	University of Cumbria	81.0	75.4	1.2	120	75.0	63.9	82.9	15.7	1,760	429
115	102=	Plymouth Marjon University	82.5	79.7	0.0	114	70.4	73.8	79.1	20.5	1,603	426
116	108	University of the West of Scotland	81.6	78.4	4.3	130	72.0	70.9	78.5	22.6	2,389	423
117	120	Anglia Ruskin University	80.0	78.1	5.4	113	73.8	75.6	78.1	17.7	1,525	415
118	125	University of Bolton	85.6	81.3	2.9	114	64.2	60.4	72.2	14.4	2,179	411
119	74	De Montfort University	75.2	74.6	8.9	111	71.0	72.5	81.4	19.8	2,407	408
120	122	University of Brighton	76.8	72.4	7.9	114	76.2	67.8	80.7	17.5	2,003	407
121	107	Middlesex University	76.1	74.3	9.7	115	61.9	68.7	78.1	17.0	2,734	402
122	129	University of Suffolk	78.3	74.2	n/a	105	75.7	71.0	72.5	16.7	2,591	400
123	86	London South Bank University	77.9	75.5	9.0	107	70.6	70.7	76.4	16.3	2,327	388
124	130	Wrexham Glyndwr University	83.0	78.2	2.3	110	67.1	71.0	74.2	19.4	1,784	385
125	126	London Metropolitan University	80.8	78.4	3.5	97	60.0	60.4	64.8	17.8	4,053	381
126	119	University of Westminster	76.8	76.0	9.8	119	63.9	66.2	82.4	20.9	1,764	363
127	118	Canterbury Christ Church University	79.2	73.5	4.5	106	70.9	66.7	67.3	15.6	1,904	359
128	124	University of Wolverhampton	80.5	77.2	5.9	109	65.9	65.6	70.4	17.2	2,098	349
129	127	University of East London	78.6	75.5	7.2	111	59.7	70.3	73.1	19.7	1,699	324
130	131	Ravensbourne University, London	71.7	65.1	n/a	112	70.7	82.9	72.4	24.2	1,466	298
131	128	University of Bedfordshire	76.8	72.4	7.0	103	70.1	65.6	58.5	19.7	2,043	277

Teaching quality (%): Results from the 2020 National Student Survey, positive responses to Q1-14 Student experience (%): Results from the 2020 National Student Survey, positive responses to Q15-27 Research quality (%): Results from the Research Excellence Framework 2014 Entry standards (Ucas points): Average Ucas entry points, 2018-19 Graduate prospects (%): Proportion of 2018 graduates in high-skilled jobs or graduate-level study Firsts/2:1s (%): Percentage of students graduating with firsts or 2:1s in 2019 Completion rate (%): Proportion of students completing their courses at this institution or another, 2017-18 Student-staff ratio: Student-staff ratio, 2018-19 Services/facilities spend (£): Two-year average of services/facilities spend, 2017-18 and 2018-19

N.B. Out of the total number of ranked institutions, Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) is ranked 54th overall.
AUB is the first specialist Art and Design institution ranked on the table. Universities positioned 1-53 are all multi-disciplinary institutions.

Source: The Times and The Sunday Times, 2020, *Good University Guide 2021*, HIT CREATIVE, accessed: 28th October 2020, <https://st.hitcreative.com/education/university_guide/active/UniversityGuide/index/year/2021/type/rank>