U-MULTIRANK 2021

French 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 2021 edition presents data on 61 French higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from France included in U-Multirank, please visit our website.

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• With regard to U-Multirank’s five performance dimensions, French institutions perform strongest in the dimensions International Orientation and Teaching & Learning: In both dimensions more than 70% of all indicator scores of French institutions are ranked into group ‘A’ (very good) or ‘B’ (good).

• 17 French institutions reached a top group position (‘A’ score) in more than ten indicators. This includes business schools and technical universities/institutions, comprehensive institutions as well as an institution specialised in the Social Sciences.

• 26 French institutions have more than ten top group positions (‘A’ score), seven have even more than 15.

• Top performing French institutions are: École Centrale de Nantes (19 ‘A’ scores), IMT Atlantique (17), AgroParisTech (16), Grenoble Ecole de Management (16), Télécom Paris (16), TelecomSudParis (16) and Toulouse INP (16).

• French institutions achieved 18 global ‘Top 25 Performers’ positions across four indicators: In Student Mobility, French institutions count for 8 out of the 25 global top performers; in our new Collaboration Index, 7 French universities are ranked among the top 25, 2 are listed on Co-publications with Industrial Partners and one in International Joint Publications.
**WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN FRANCE?**

École Centrale de Nantes received the highest number of ‘A’ (very good) scores on the institutional level for France 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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The list includes different profiles of institutions: comprehensive universities, as well as business schools and technical universities.
For a list of definitions and calculations of indicators, see our Indicator Book.
16 French universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2021.

Globally Top Performing French 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.

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

Student mobility

- Audencia Business School
- École Centrale de Nantes
- EM Normandie Business School
- EURECOM
- Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SU-PAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO)
- Rennes School of Business
- Sciences Po
- TBS

Co-publications with industrial partners

- EURECOM
- Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace - SU-PAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO)
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International joint publications

- emlyon business school

Collaboration Index

- Bordeaux INP
- EDHEC Business School
- ESIEE PARIS - School of Engineering
- ESSEC Business School
- Institut Agro
- Toulouse INP

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of French 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.

![France's National Performance](image)
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.

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**DETAILED RESULTS**

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**U-Multirank’s National University Rankings 2021-2022 – France**

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

**U-Multirank’s Subject Rankings 2021-2022 – France**

- [Agriculture (NEW)](#)
- [Veterinary Science (NEW)](#)
- [Dentistry (updated)](#)
- [Medicine (updated)](#)
- [Nursing (updated)](#)

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**Press materials:**

- [Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)](#)
- [FAQ]
- [Overview Infographic 2021]
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 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.

The work of the U-Multirank consortium is overseen by an Advisory Board.