

U-MULTIRANK 2021

Spanish 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 79 Spanish higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from Spain included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](#).

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

- With 79 universities presented in its 2021 edition, U-Multirank covers nearly all Spanish universities.
- In a global perspective, Spanish universities perform particularly strong in Regional Engagement. They play an important role as providers of an academically educated labour force in their regions.
- Twelve Spanish universities score ten or more top scores ('A'), with the highest numbers for Pompeu Fabra University (16), Carlos III University of Madrid (13, compared to 8 in 2020), and Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (13).
- Four Spanish universities are listed in one of the global 'Top 25 Performers' lists: UNED The National Distance Education University in Co-publications with Industrial Partners, the Pontifical University of Salamanca in Open Access Publications, and Universidad Francisco de Vitoria and University Alfonso X El Sabio in Regional Joint Publications.



WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN SPAIN?

Pompeu Fabra University received the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for Spain 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.

Spanish universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021	Total 'A' scores 2021	Total 'A' scores 2020
Pompeu Fabra University	16 ↑	15
Carlos III University of Madrid	13 ↑	8
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	13 ↑	9
ESIC Business & Marketing School	12 ↑	11
Universidad Ramon Llull	12 ↑	10
Universitat de Barcelona	12 ↑	10

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

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF SPAIN'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 Topiced 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
	18 Income from continuous professional development
	19 Foreign language bachelor programmes
INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION	20 Foreign language master programmes
	21 Student mobility
	22 International academic staff
	23 International doctorate degrees
	24 International joint publications
REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT	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 SPANISH UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

Four Spanish universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2021

TOP 25 PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN REGIONAL JOINT PUBLICATIONS

By U-Multirank



In this list we present the U-Multirank 2021 top performers on the indicator 'regional joint publications'. Co-publications with authors located elsewhere within the institution's geographical region are a reflection of regional linkages between a university and its regional partners.

America

1

Europe

22

Asia

1

Australia

1

- Hanze University of Applied Sciences (The Netherlands)
- Hogeschool Leiden (The Netherlands)
- Hogeschool Rotterdam (The Netherlands)
- Inholland Hogeschool (The Netherlands)
- Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (Russian Federation)
- National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute) (Russian Federation)
- Novosibirsk State University (NSU) (Russian Federation)
- Open University (Portugal)
- Polytechnic Institute of Lisbon (IPL) (Portugal)
- Sophiahemmet högskola (Sweden)
- SRH University of Applied Sciences in Heidelberg (Germany)
- St. Petersburg State Pediatric Medical University (Russian Federation)

- Swedish Red Cross University College of Nursing and Health (Sweden)
- The Graduate Center, City University of New York (United States)
- The Institute of Cancer Research (United Kingdom)
- Tomsk State Pedagogical University (Russian Federation)
- Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (Spain)
- University Alfonso X El Sabio (Spain)
- University Fernando Pessoa (Portugal)
- University Guglielmo Marconi (Italy)
- University of Applied Science Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- University of Applied Sciences Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- University of Notre Dame Australia (Australia)
- University of Science and Technology, South Korea (Korea, Republic Of)
- Zuyd Hogeschool (The Netherlands)

*The list is sorted alphabetically; possible ties are not marked.



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Globally Top Performing Spanish 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.

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

Regional joint publications

- [Universidad Francisco de Vitoria](#)
- [University Alfonso X El Sabio](#)

Co-publications with industrial partners

- [UNED The National Distance Education University](#)

Open access publications

- [Pontifical University of Salamanca](#)

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

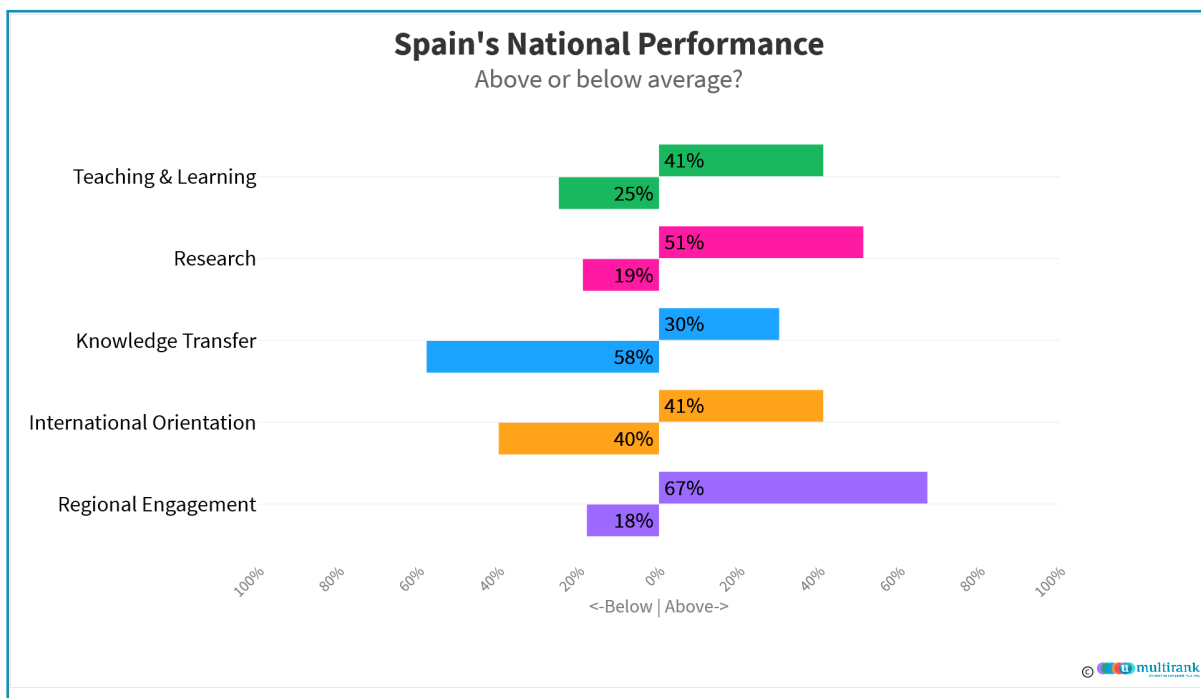
HOW DO SPANISH UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

Spanish higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's Regional Engagement dimension.

Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of Spanish 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 Your selection: 79 universities											
Level of study: bachelor, master Regions: Spain,											
8/9/2021 dev.umultirank.org		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
Universitat Pompeu Fabra	ES	C	B	A	A	A	D	A	A	A	A
Universitat de Barcelona	ES	C	B	B	A	A	A	B	A	A	A
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	ES	D	C	C	A	A	A	A	B	A	A
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	ES	C	B	B	A	B	D	A	A	A	A
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	ES	C	B	C	B	A	D	A	A	A	A
Universidad Autónoma Madrid	ES	C	B	B	A	C	D	A	A	B	A
Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	ES	D	C	C	B	A	A	B	B	A	A
Universidad de Navarra	ES	C	B	B	A	A	D	A	B	C	A

U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2021-2022 – Spain

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

- [Pharmacy \(updated\)](#)
- [Psychology \(updated\)](#)
- [Social Work \(updated\)](#)

U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2021-2022 – Spain

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

* to view, select the respective study subject, then select either 'filter by country', or 'go straight to the comparison'.

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.

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