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**QS World University Rankings by Subject 2021**

**Latest QS World University Rankings see Uppsala University ranked 37th**

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**London, 3rd March 2021:** Uppsala University in Sweden has been named as one of the world’s top universities for the study of 35 subjects, according to the latest edition of the world’s most-consulted university ranking. The 2021 edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject, released today by global higher education analysts QS Quacquarelli Symonds, names the world’s best universities for the study of 51 academic disciplines. Uppsala University’s best performance is in Pharmacy & Pharmacology (*see table below for detail*).

The rankings, compiled by global higher education analysts QS Quacquarelli Symonds, provide authoritative comparative analysis on the performance of 14,435 individual university programs, taken by students at 1,452 universities which can be found in 86 locations across the world, across 51 academic disciplines and five broad Faculty Areas.

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**Key Findings – Uppsala University and Sweden**

- With 211 ranked programs from 20 institutions in this year’s subject rankings, **Sweden** is the 18th-most-represented country in the world;
- In terms of top-100 programs, **Sweden** is the 14th-strongest global higher education nation based on 86 programs across 15 institutions;
- Of the 35 academic disciplines from **Uppsala University** that are in the 2021 subject rankings, 20% improved their positions in the rankings, 23% decreased, and 57% stayed the same.
- In **Academic Reputation**, Uppsala University’s best performance is in *Environmental Sciences*, in which it scores 83.9;
- In **Employer Reputation**, the university’s best performance came in *Biological Sciences* where it earned a score of 70.7;
- In **Citations per Paper**, *Nursing* is the subject in which Uppsala University earned the highest score (96.5);
- In **H-Index**, Uppsala University received a score of 86.4 for *Pharmacy & Pharmacology* – its highest-scoring subject for this indicator.

Please find more details in the Fact File sent to your university’s representative.

**Top Ranked Specific Subject Areas – Uppsala University**

Subject	2021	2020
Development Studies	48	29
Pharmacy & Pharmacology	37=	37
Biological Sciences	47	41

Environmental Sciences	49=	41
Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies	42	46=
Archaeology	48=	50=
English Language & Literature	101-150	51-100
History	51-100	51-100
Anatomy & Physiology	51-100	51-100
Medicine	92=	51-100
Nursing	51-100	51-100
Anthropology	51-100	51-100
Communication & Media Studies	101-150	51-100
Politics & International Studies	51-100	51-100
Sociology	66=	51-100
Linguistics	101-150	101-150
Modern Languages	101-150	101-150
Computer Science & Information Systems	151-200	101-150
Chemistry	106=	101-150
Earth & Marine Sciences	101-150	101-150
Materials Science	101-150	101-150
Mathematics	151-200	101-150
Statistics & Operational Research	151-200	101-150
Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	151-200	151-200
Economics & Econometrics	151-200	151-200
Education	151-200	151-200
Law	151-200	151-200
Physics & Astronomy	151-200	151-200
Psychology	151-200	201-250
Accounting & Finance	201-250	201-250
Business & Management Studies	201-250	201-250
Philosophy	101-150	not ranked
Geography	49	not ranked
Geology	101-150	not ranked
Geophysics	101-150	not ranked

#### **Global Highlights**

- Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology share the status of ‘world’s best university’, each ranking as global number-one in twelve tables.
- The British higher education sector remains resilient. 13 of the 51 subject tables are topped by a British university, with the University of Oxford leading five of those 13.
- Chinese higher education continues to reach new heights, with the sector attaining a record number of programs now achieving a top-50 rank.
- No university has a larger number of top-50 departments than Canada’s University of Toronto (46).

- Switzerland's ETH Zurich is continental Europe's top university, achieving number-one spots for Geology, Geophysics, and Earth & Marine Sciences. Based on its share of top-10 ranks, Switzerland is the world's third-best higher education sector.
- Australia now possesses its lowest number of programs ranking among the top 10 in the world in the last four years. Its total of 13 top-10 departments is fewer than in 2020 (17), 2019 (18), and 2018 (18).
- Two Singaporean universities attain number-one positions: Nanyang Technological University is #1 for Materials Science, while the National University of Singapore – Asia's best-performing university – is #1 for Petroleum Engineering.
- India's Institutes of Eminence program is struggling to yield results, with no increase in top-100 representation for India's public Institutes of Eminence.
- Russian higher education continues to move from strength to strength, with a record number of top-100 programs.
- Driven by world-class performances in Dentistry, Petroleum Engineering, and Mining Engineering, Universidade de São Paulo (USP) has retained its status as Latin America's best university.
- The University of Cape Town remains Africa's most competitive institution, with 24 of its programs placing among the top-200."

More methodological information can be found at <https://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings/methodology>.

The full rankings will launch on Wednesday 3rd March at 21:00 UTC/GMT, and can be found at <https://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings/2021>.

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### **Notes for Editors**

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