

U-MULTIRANK 2020

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 2020 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 2020 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.
- Five (5) Spanish universities score 10 or more top scores ('A'): Pompeu Fabra University (15), ESIC Business & Marketing School (11), Universitat de Barcelona (10), Universidad Ramon Llull (10) and Mondragon University (10). University Pompeu Fabra reached nine (9) out of its 15 top scores in the Research and International orientation dimensions.
- 12 Spanish universities are listed in one of the global 'Top 25 Performers' lists out of which seven (7) are part of the subject based list on Contact to Work Environment in business studies programmes. These are: The Autonomous University of Barcelona, Carlos III University of Madrid, Rey Juan Carlos, Universidad Nebrija, the University of La Laguna, the University of Murcia and the University of Navarra.
- Universidad Ramon Llull, the University of Navarra and Catholic University of Avila are listed among the global 'Top 25 Performers' in Income from Continuous Professional Development. In terms of Regional Joint Publications, Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, the University Alfonso X El Sabio and Madrid Open University (MOU) made it to the Top 25 list.



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 2020.

In this section we highlight the universities receiving the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for the respective country.

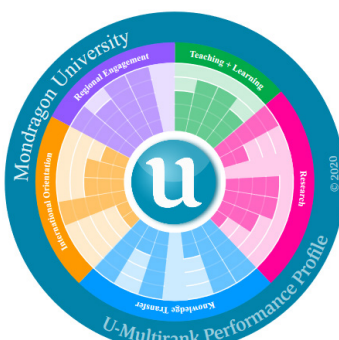
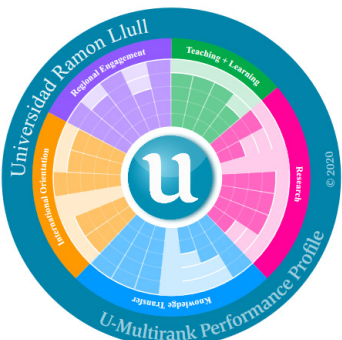
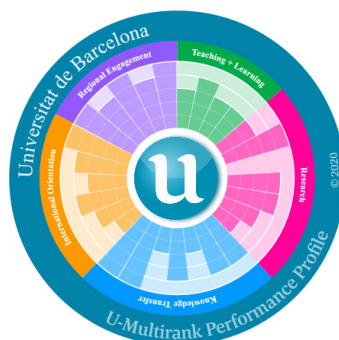
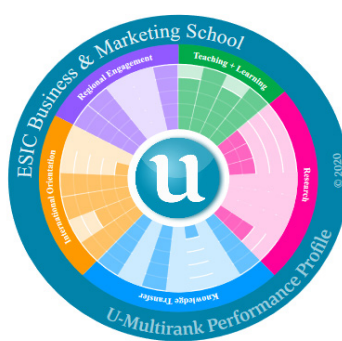
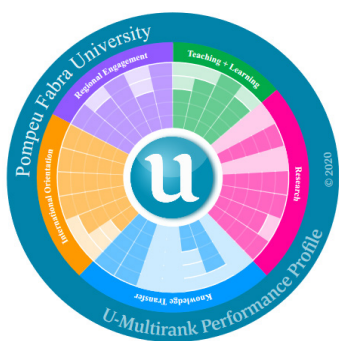
Although the number of 'A' scores shows top performance for the respective university, it does not imply one university is the 'best' in the country, as each university profile highlights different strengths.

Spanish universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2020	Total 'A' scores 2020	Total 'A' scores 2019
Pompeu Fabra University	15 ↑	14
ESIC Business & Marketing School	11 ↑	10
Universitat de Barcelona	10 ↓	11
Universidad Ramon Llull	10 ↑	9
Mondragon University	10 ↓	12

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?

12 Spanish universities have achieved a global Top 25 score in 2020

TOP 25 PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN CONTACT TO WORK ENVIRONMENT

By U-Multirank



In this list we present the U-Multirank 2020 top performers on the indicator 'orientation to work environment orientation of master programmes.' Taking into account the inclusion of mandatory internships, the percentage of students actually doing an internship, and teaching by external practitioners, this indicator shows how strongly institutions include work experience into their degree programmes.

Europe

23

Africa

1

Asia

1

- Carlos III University of Madrid (Spain)
- Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain)
- University of Navarra (Spain)
- University of Latvia (Latvia)
- Reutlingen University of Applied Science (Germany)
- University of Murcia (Spain)
- Kauno Kolegija/ University of Applied Sciences (Lithuania)
- Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (Bulgaria)
- University of La Laguna (Spain)
- Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- Universidad Nebrija (Spain)
- Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics (Ukraine)
- Kufstein Tyrol University of Applied Sciences (Austria)
- Southwest State University (Russian Federation)
- Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (Germany)
- accadis Hochschule Bad Homburg, University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- German University in Cairo (Egypt)
- Srinakharinwirot University (Thailand)
- Macromedia University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- International School of Management (ISM) (Germany)
- Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- Management Center Innsbruck (MCI) (Austria)
- FH Wien der WKW - University of Applied Sciences for Management & Communication (Austria)
- Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University (Ukraine)
- Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)

*The list is sorted by indicator scores in descending order; possible ties are not marked.



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:

Income from continuous professional development

- [University of Navarra](#)
- [Universidad Ramon Llull](#)
- [Catholic University of Avila](#)

Regional joint publications

- [Universidad Francisco de Vitoria](#)
- [University Alfonso X El Sabio](#)
- [Madrid Open University \(MOU\)](#)

Contact to work environment

- [Carlos III University of Madrid](#)
- [Autonomous University of Barcelona](#)
- [University of Navarra](#)
- [University of Murcia](#)
- [University of La Laguna](#)
- [Universidad Nebrija](#)
- [Rey Juan Carlos](#)

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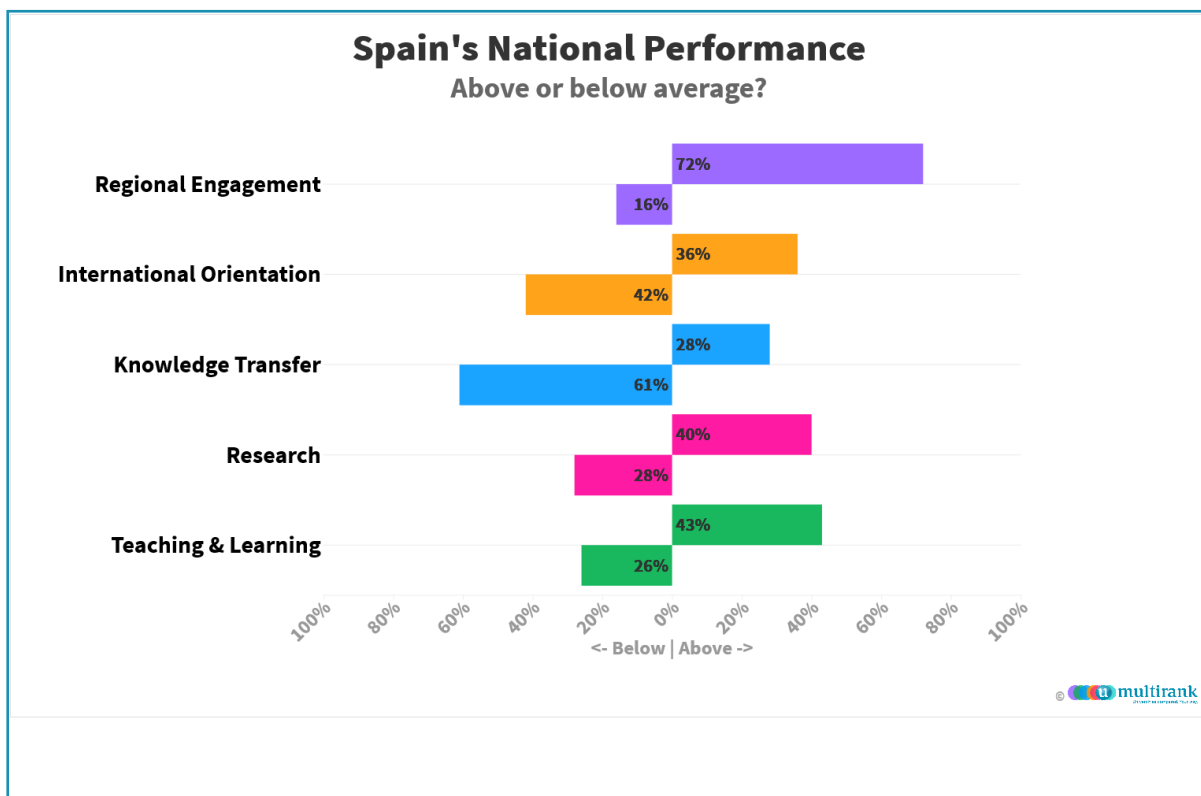
HOW DO SPANISH UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

Spanish higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's Regional Engagement and Teaching & Learning dimensions.

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											
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		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	B	D	A	A	A	A
Universitat de Barcelona	ES	C	C	B	A	B	D	B	A	A	A
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	ES	C	B	B	A	A	D	A	B	-	A
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	ES	D	C	C	B	A	D	A	B	A	A
Mondragon University	ES	C	C	B	D	A	D	A	D	A	A
Universidad CEU San Pablo	ES	D	C	C	D	A	D	A	C	A	A
Universidad de Navarra	ES	C	D	B	A	A	D	B	B	A	B
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	ES	C	B	C	B	C	D	A	B	A	A
Universidad de Vic	ES	C	C	C	D	B	E	A	B	A	A
ESIC Business & Marketing School	ES	B	A	X	D	X	E	A	X	A	X
Universidad Autónoma Madrid	ES	C	B	B	A	C	D	B	B	C	A
Universidad de Valencia	ES	C	B	C	A	C	D	B	B	A	B
Universidad del											

U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2020-2021 – Spain

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

- [Linguistics Rankings \(new\)](#)
- [Political Science Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [Social Geography Rankings \(new\)](#)
- [Sociology Rankings \(updated\)](#)

U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2020-2021 – Spain

- [Business Studies Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [Earth Sciences/ Geology Rankings \(new\)](#)
- [Economics Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [Education Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [History Rankings \(updated\)](#)
- [International Law Rankings \(new\)](#)

Press materials:

- [Advanced press release \(includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix\)](#)
- [FAQ](#)
- [Overview Infographic 2020](#)



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, Fundacion CYD and Folge 3. 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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