

# U-MULTIRANK 2021

Irish Universities in Global Comparison



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#### **U-MULTIRANK 2021**

U-Multirank is a unique, multidimensional 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 16 Irish higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from Ireland included in U-Multirank, please visit our website.

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

- The 2021 publication of U-Multirank covers 16 out of 19 public universities, colleges and institutes of technology of Ireland.
- Irish higher education institutions show a strong performance in the dimensions of Teaching & Learning as well as Regional Engagement.
- Among the nine Irish institutions which reached at least eight top group positions ('A' scores) are universities, university colleges and institutes of technology.
- University College Cork has the highest number of top group positions (16), followed by University of Limerick (12) and Technological University Dublin (11).
- Dublin City University is listed among the global Top 25 Performers in Copublications with Industrial Partners.



# WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN IRELAND?

University College Cork received the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for Ireland 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.

Irish universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021	Total 'A' scores 2021	Total 'A' scores 2020
University College Cork	16↑	9
University of Limerick	12 ↑	7
Technological University Dublin	11 =	11
Dublin City University	9 ↓	10
Institute of Technology, Carlow	9↑	5
Trinity College, Dublin	9↑	7

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

# WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF IRELAND'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).



For a list of definitions and calculations of indicators, see our Indicator Book.

# WHAT DO IRISH UNIVERSITIES DO BEST?

Dublin City University has achieved a global Top 25 score in 2021



## Globally Top Performing Irish 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.

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

#### International joint publications

Dublin City University

\*For the full lists of all global Top 25 performers, please visit our website.

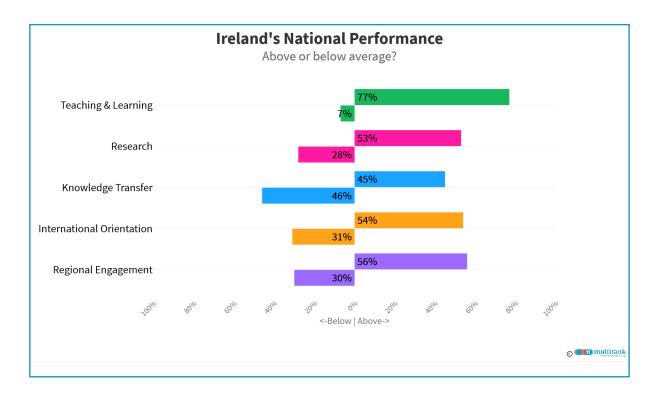
# HOW DO IRISH UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

Irish higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's Teaching & Learning dimension.

### Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of Irish 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.

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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
University College Cork	A	В	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	D
University of IE Limerick	A	В	A	A	С	A	A	A	В	D
Trinity College IE	-	-	A	A	A	A	-	A	-	A
Dublin City University	A	В	В	В	A	A	В	A	-	В
University College Dublin	-	-	В	A	A	A	-	A	-	В
Carlow Institute of Technology	A	A	С	D	A	E	В	С	A	D
Technological IE	-	-	A	D	D	D	В	A	A	A
National University of IE Ireland Galway	-	-	В	A	A	A	х	A	-	D
Dundalk Institute IE of Technology	A	-	С	D	A	E	В	В	A	D
Cork Institute of Technology	-	В	С	D	A	D	С	A	-	A

### U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2021-2022 – Ireland

Institutional Rankings

### U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2021-2022 - Ireland

- Agriculture (NEW)
- Veterinary Science (NEW)
- Dentistry (updated)
- Medicine (updated)
- Nursing (updated)

- Pharmacy (updated)
- Psychology (updated)
- Social Work (updated)

#### **Press materials:**

- Advanced press release (includes graphics and tables for download in Appendix)
- FAC
- Overview Infographic 2021

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



## 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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