



QS World University Rankings: Europe

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Welcome

The QS World University Rankings: Europe 2026 will be published on topuniversities.com on 21 JANUARY 2026, 10AM GMT and until then the data contained in this fact file is under embargo and may not be re-published or referenced whole.

This file provides the detailed results for your institution and the data that has been used to calculate the ranks and scores. It should also provide you with useful information for any media communication you might need to prepare prior to launch.

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Submit your contacts

You have until the 31st of January 2026 to submit your academic and employer contacts lists. Those contacts will be included in the distribution list to be sent out in February.

Submit your data

The data collection for our 2027 Rankings cycle is also now open, you can login to the Hub platform and submit your data until 12 February 2026. We thank you for your contribution to making the rankings accurate and reliable.

To get started, check out our guide:

<https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/15441557138716-QS-Rankings-Cycle-2027>

If you have any questions, please reach out to **rankings@qs.com**.

Methodology

	Academic Reputation	Taken from the annual QS Academic Reputation Survey, designed to evaluate the perceptions of global academics on which institutions are demonstrating academic excellence. Learn more on: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4405952675346	30.0%
Research and Discovery	Citations per Paper	This ratio measures the average number of citations obtained per publication, and is a proxy of the impact and quality of the scientific work done by universities. Underlying data of papers and citations is indexed by Scopus. The paper and citation counts are normalized in an attempt to equalize their influence across the five broad faculty areas.	10.0%
	Papers per Faculty	This indicator seeks to determine the average number of scientific publications (papers) produced per faculty and evaluates the productivity of research institutions. Data is extracted from Scopus. Indexed papers over a period of five years are used. The paper count is normalized, ensuring that papers published in each of the five broad faculty areas are weighted equally.	5.0%
Employability and Outcomes	Employer Reputation	Taken from the annual QS Employer Reputation Survey, designed to evaluate the perceptions of global employers on which institutions are providing the most job-ready graduates. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4407794203410	15.0%
	Employment Outcomes	This indicator has been crafted to reflect the ability of institutions to ensure a high level of employability for their graduates, while also nurturing future leaders who go on to make an impact in their respective fields. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4744563188508	5.0%
Learning Experience	Faculty Student Ratio	This is the ratio between the number of academic staff and number of students. A higher number of academics per student reflects the resource commitment of the institution to its teaching and learning mission. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360019108240	5.0%
Global Engagement	International Research Network	This indicator assesses the richness and diversity of an institution's international research partnerships. Collaborative research has benefits not only in terms of overall research quality and transparency, but in helping to solve the most pressing global challenges. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360021865579	10.0%
	International Faculty	The International Faculty Ratio is the proportion of faculty members who are international. It is a proxy measure for how internationally attractive the university is to academic staff, and a sign that through their reputation and quality they are able to attract those staff. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4403961809554	5.0%
	International Student Diversity	This indicator looks at the ratio of international students to overall students as well as the diversity of nationalities that those students are from. It is a progression of the traditional International Students metric by including a lens on national diversity. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/10425678849564	5.0%
	Inbound Exchange Students	This indicator assesses the proportion of students registered at a foreign university that attend each institution on international exchange programs for at least one semester during the annual reporting period.	2.5%
	Outbound Exchange Students	This indicator assesses the proportion of students registered at each university that attend a foreign university on an international exchange program for at least one semester during the annual reporting period.	2.5%
Sustainability	Sustainability	The score for this component is taken from the analysis of the standalone QS Sustainability Ranking. It evaluates the social and environmental impact of universities as centres of education and research. This is a vital step towards supporting universities on their journeys towards a more sustainable future. More information: https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/6107352412828	5.0%

Edition Overview

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Locations in Europe

Published Institutions

958

Europe

9

Bulgaria

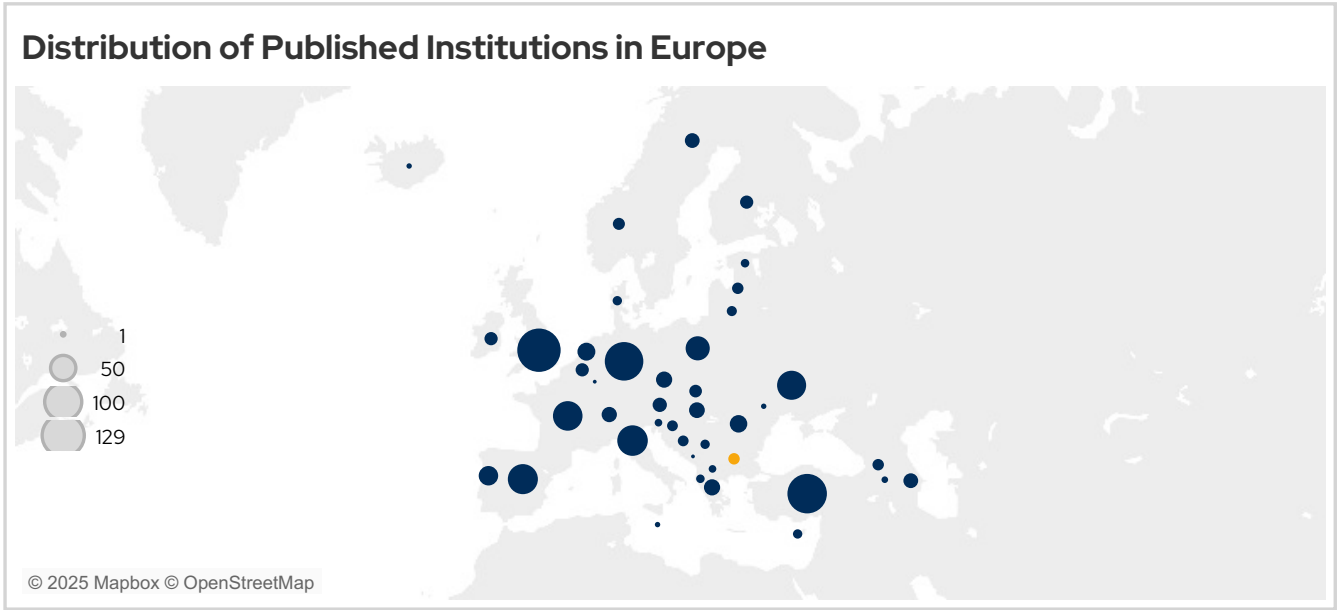
New Entrants

291

Europe

6

Bulgaria



19.8 mil

Recorded Publications

1.5 mil

Academic Nominations

200 mil

Recorded Citations

520k

Employer Nominations

Overall Results

Technical University of Sofia

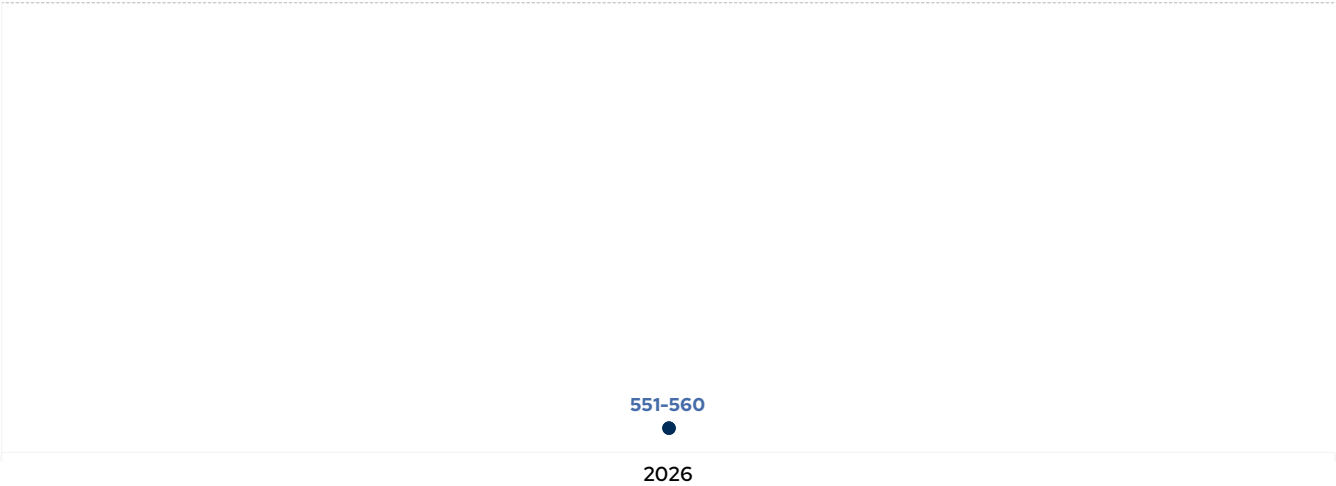


QS Classification

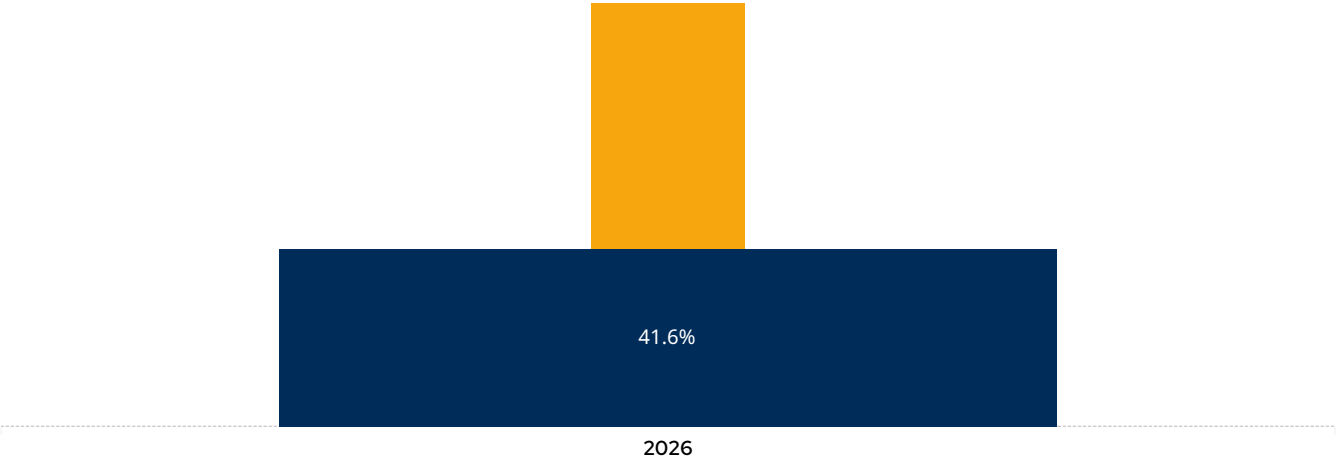
Size
Medium
Status
Public
Focus
Specialist
Research Intensity
Very High

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Regional rankings trend



Percentage of institutions surpassed in terms of rank

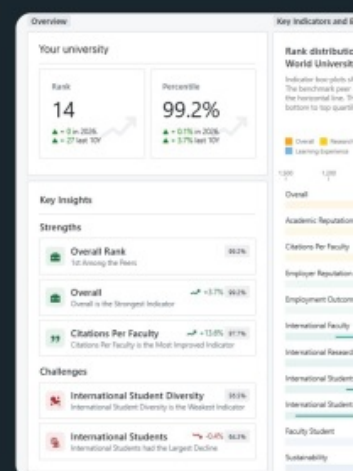


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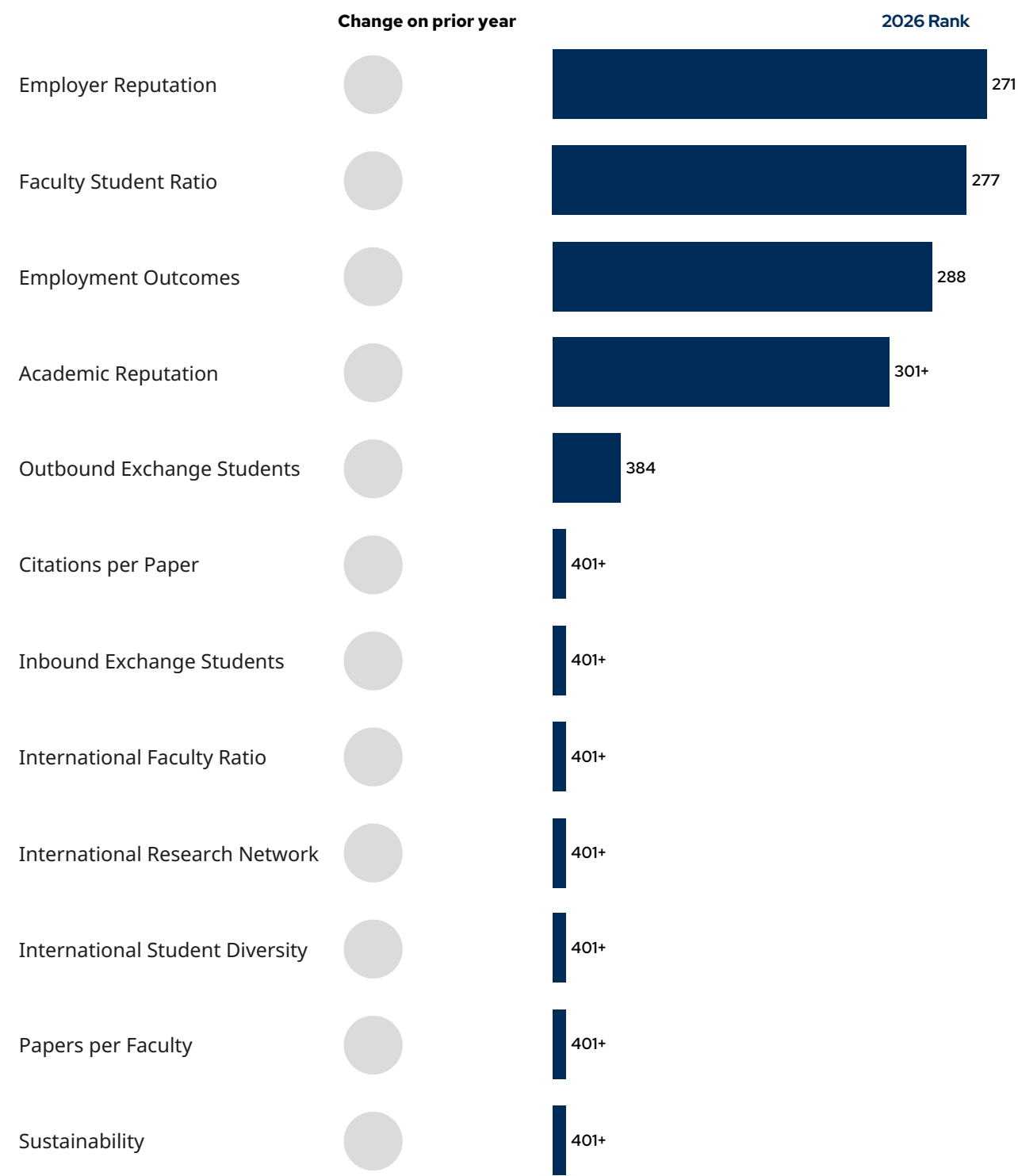
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Rank by Indicator

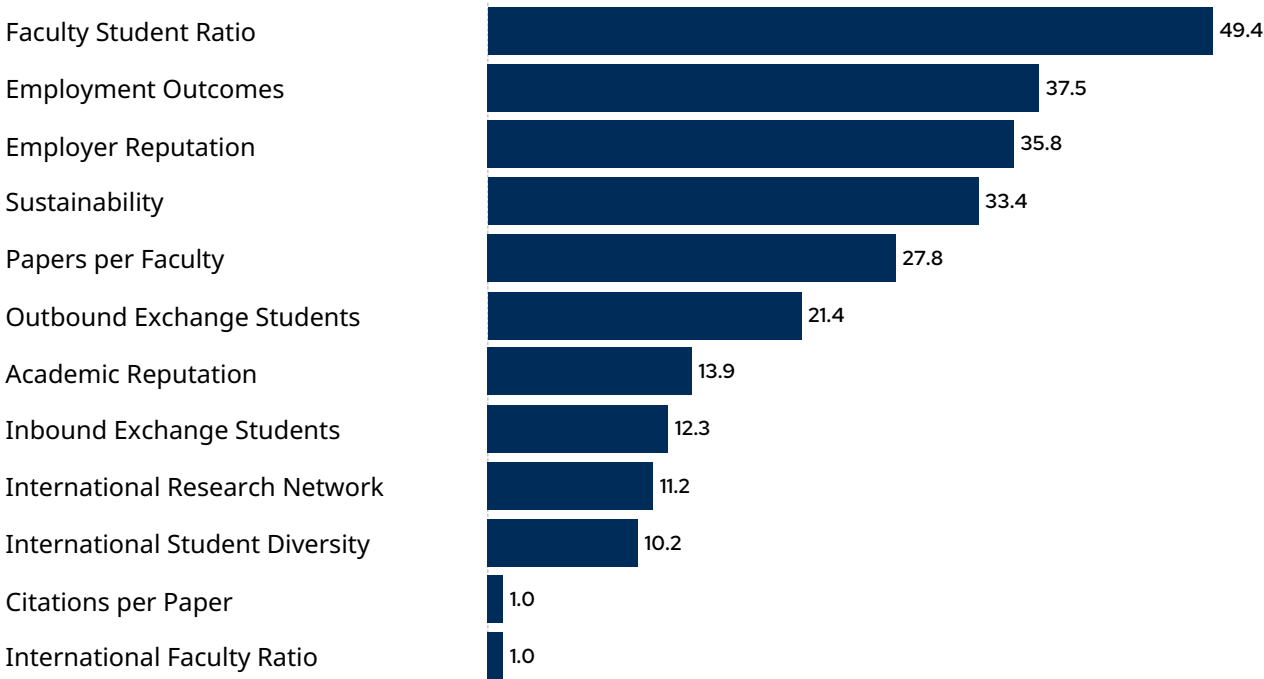


Scores by Indicator

Overall Score
19.4

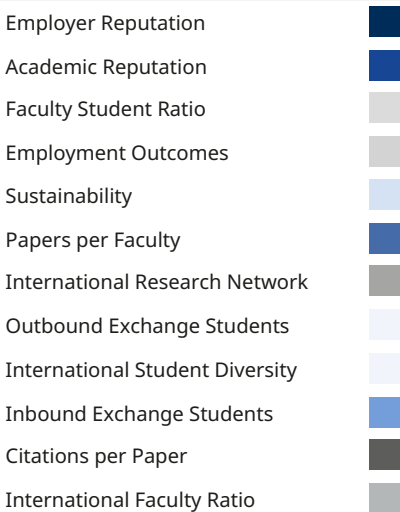
The top-performing institution in a ranking receives an overall score of 100, the institution with the lowest score receives an overall score of 1.
All other institutions receive scores on a scale between these two values based on their position.

Indicator Scores (1-100)

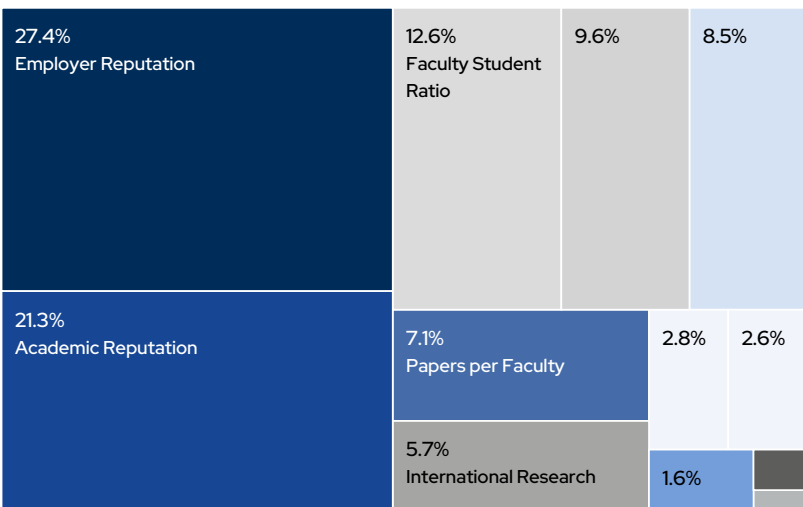


Please note: As a result of scaling your institution’s overall score may differ from the sum of these indicator’s weighted scores.

Legend



Percentage contribution towards overall score



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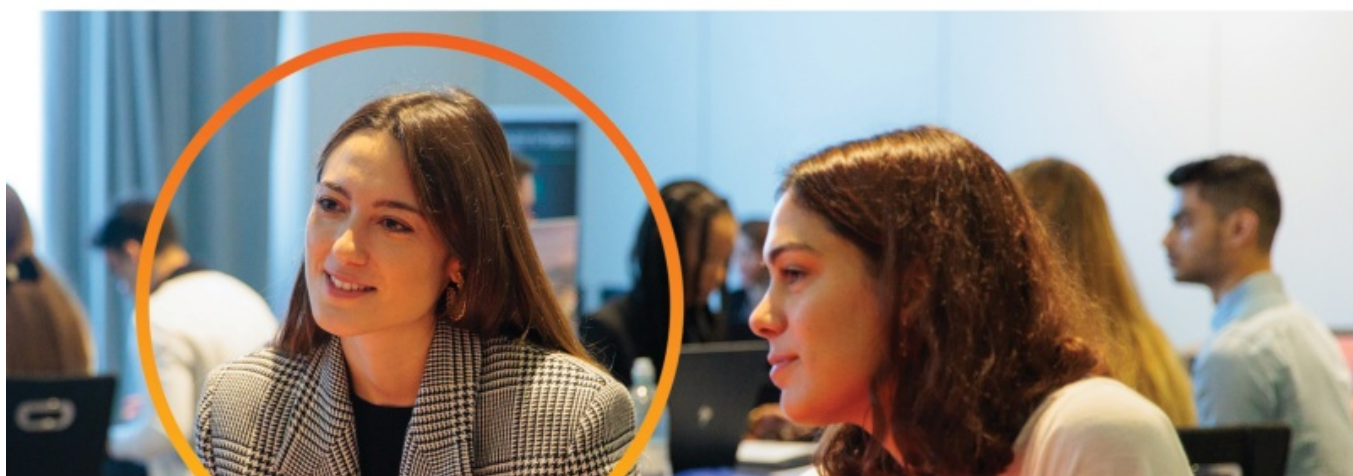
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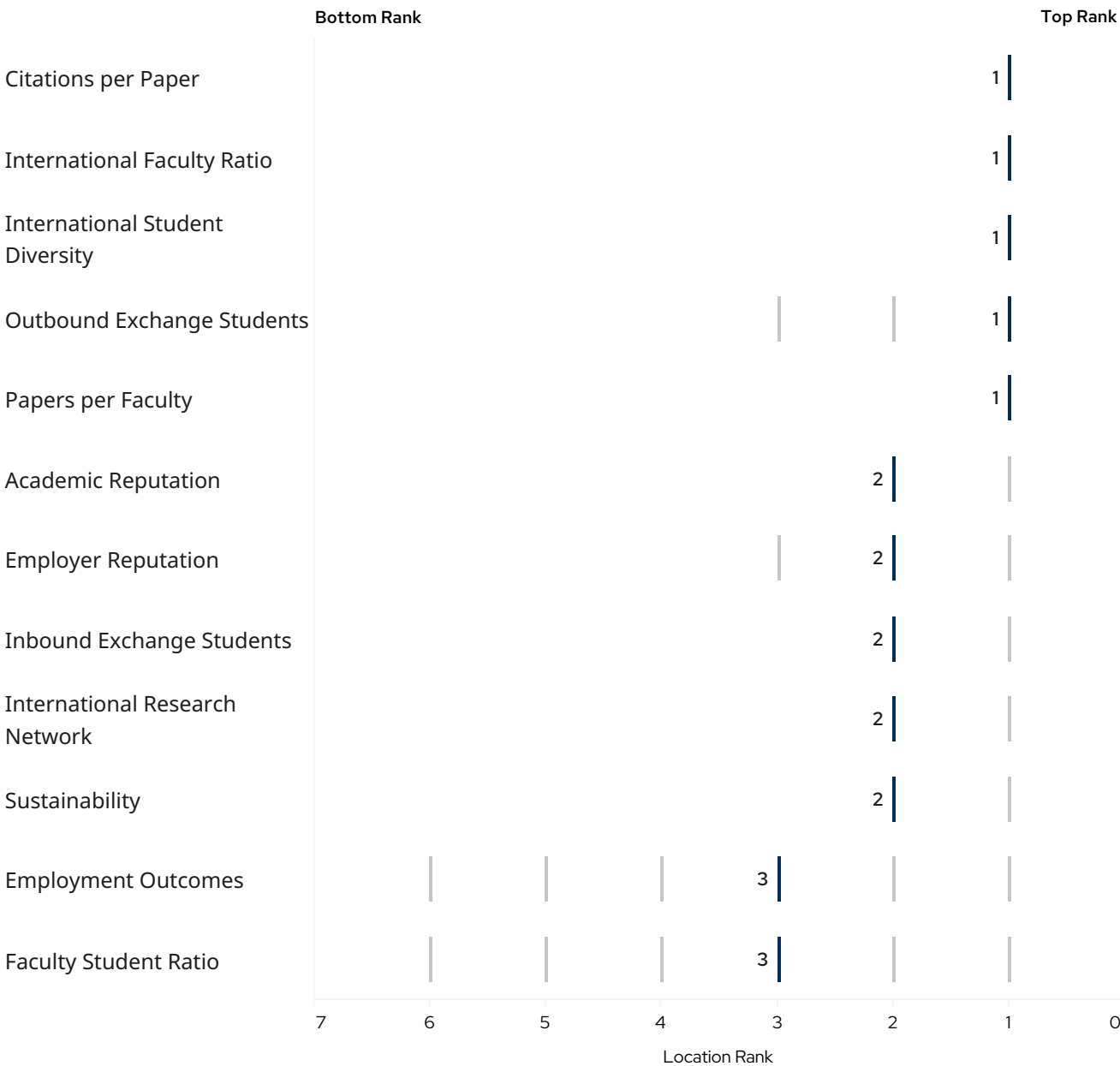
Domestic Comparison

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Institutions evaluated in Bulgaria

Technical University of Sofia
Other institutions in Bulgaria

Indicator Rank among Institutions in Bulgaria



Gaps in the above chart represent tied results.

Underlying Data

This is the underlying data used for the rankings calculations. You will have verified this data during our underlying data check stage. Variations may be a result of validation by our team. If you have further queries, please submit a ticket at <https://support.qs.com>

Students Data

Students	10,297
International Students	401
Inbound Exchange Students	69
Outbound Exchange Students	111
Graduate Employment Rate (%) *	Not Reported
Total Students Nationalities	38

* Survey date (months after graduation): 7 to 11

Faculty Data

Faculty Staff	955
International Faculty	1

Students and faculty figures are full-time equivalent (FTE). In those cases where only the headcounts were available, the FTE was calculated by applying a ratio based on location or regional average. When a breakdown by undergraduate and postgraduate was available we used the sum total.

Research Data

Papers (gross)	4,088
Papers (net)	4,087
Normalised Papers	4,724
Citations (gross)	12,003
Citations (net)	11,993
Citations Excluding Self-Citations (net)	8,682
Normalised Citations	9,448

Papers period: 2019-2023 | Citations period: 2019-2024

A guide to the processing of citations and papers by QS: <https://support.qs.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4411823040018-Processing-of-citations-and-papers>

Scopus data for our analysis was extracted in January 2025 and may vary from the live database.

"Gross" figures exclude certain paper types, international affiliations (based on Scopus country mappings), and other affiliations that fall outside the institutions' hierarchies (such as hospitals).

"Net" figures are calculated after the application of affiliation caps to exclude papers (and their corresponding citations) with more than a given number of Scopus Affiliation IDs co-authoring each research paper.

Rankings use normalised citations and papers.

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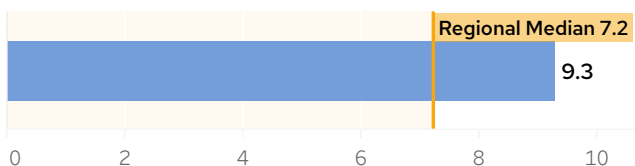
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Data



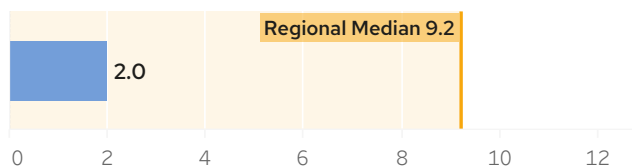
Underlying Ratios and Indices

The following charts present the ratios and indices utilised for rankings calculations for your institution, compared against the regional median results.

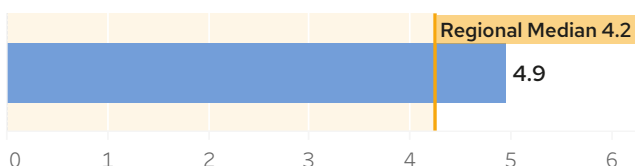
Faculty Student Ratio
Faculty staff per 100 students



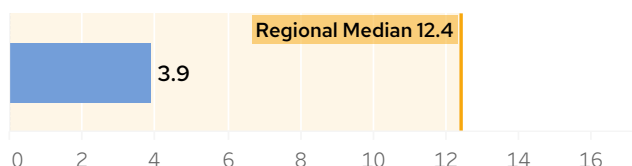
Citations Per Paper
Normalised citations per paper



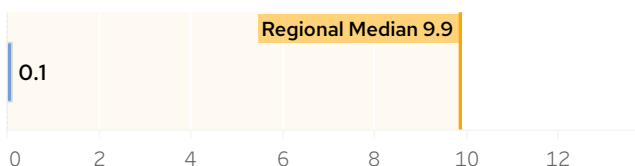
Papers Per Faculty
Normalised papers per faculty member



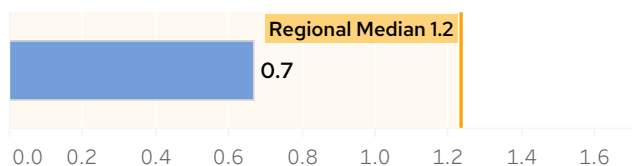
International Students Ratio
International students per 100 students



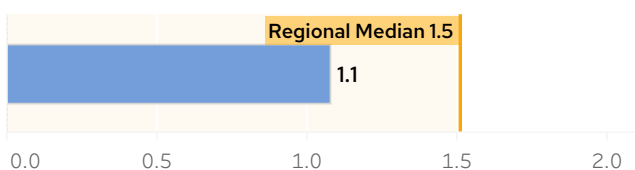
International Faculty Ratio
International faculty per 100 faculty members



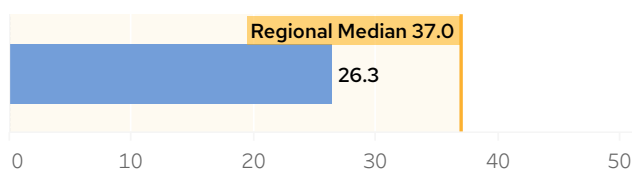
Inbound Exchange Students Ratio
Inbound Exchange Students per 100 students



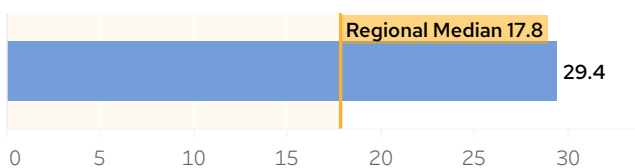
Outbound Exchange Students Ratio
Outbound Exchange Students per 100 students



International Research Network
Average index across 5 broad subject areas



Employment Outcomes
Graduate Employment Rate and Alumni Impact



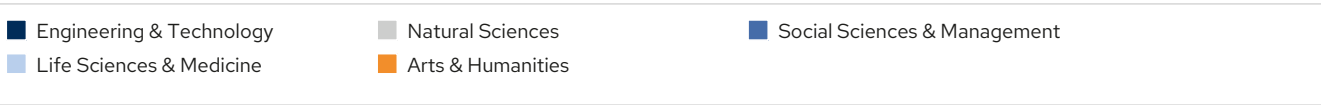
Research Output

Papers and Citations by Subject Area

The following graphs provide the institution's breakdown of papers and citations by broad subject area indexed by Scopus and used in the 2026 edition of the rankings. QS considers six years of citations (2019-2024) for each of the five publication years (2019-2023).

The QS University Rankings methodology utilizes these figures as an input to the normalization of citation and paper counts. The primary goal is to equalize the influence of the five broad subject areas considered. A technical explanation of the normalization process can be found here:

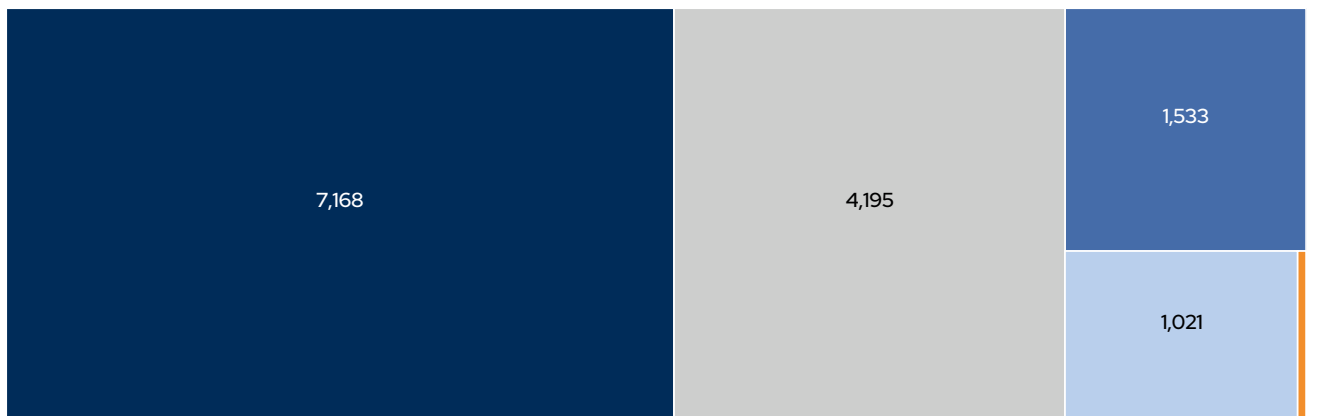
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Papers - Affiliation cap applied
Indexed in Scopus in the 2019-2023 period



Citations (Excluding Self-Citations) - Affiliation cap applied
For the above papers in the 2019-2024 period





QS India Summit
1-3 February |
Goa, India



Global Skills Week
25-26 March |
Washington DC, USA



QS China Summit
8-9 April | Futian,
Shenzhen, China



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Middle East**
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