

U-MULTIRANK 2021

Dutch 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 51 Dutch higher education institutions. For the full list of all universities from The Netherlands included in U-Multirank, please visit our [website](#).

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

- In its 2021 edition, U-Multirank presents data on 51 Dutch higher education institutions: universities, universities of applied sciences, and specialised institutions (e.g. in Arts).
- In a globally comparative perspective, Dutch higher education institutions show a strong performance in the dimensions of International Orientation and Teaching & Learning. Dutch universities are also strong in their Regional Engagement Performance.
- In total, 11 Dutch institutions reached more than 10 top group positions ('A' scores). Among them are Eindhoven University of Technology (18), Erasmus University Rotterdam (16), University of Groningen (16), Wageningen University (16).
- Most of these universities received their top positions in the dimensions Research, International Orientation and Knowledge Transfer.
- While Dutch universities have a very good overall performance and a strong performance in Research, seven universities of applied sciences are ranked among the global 'Top 25 Performers' in Regional Joint Publications (Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Hogeschool Leiden, Inholland Hogeschool, University of Applied Sciences Amsterdam, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, Zuyd Hogeschool). Eindhoven University of Technology is listed in Co-publications with Industrial Partners.



WHICH ARE THE TOP PERFORMING UNIVERSITIES IN THE NETHERLANDS?

Eindhoven University of Technology received the highest number of 'A' (very good) scores on the institutional level for The Netherlands 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.

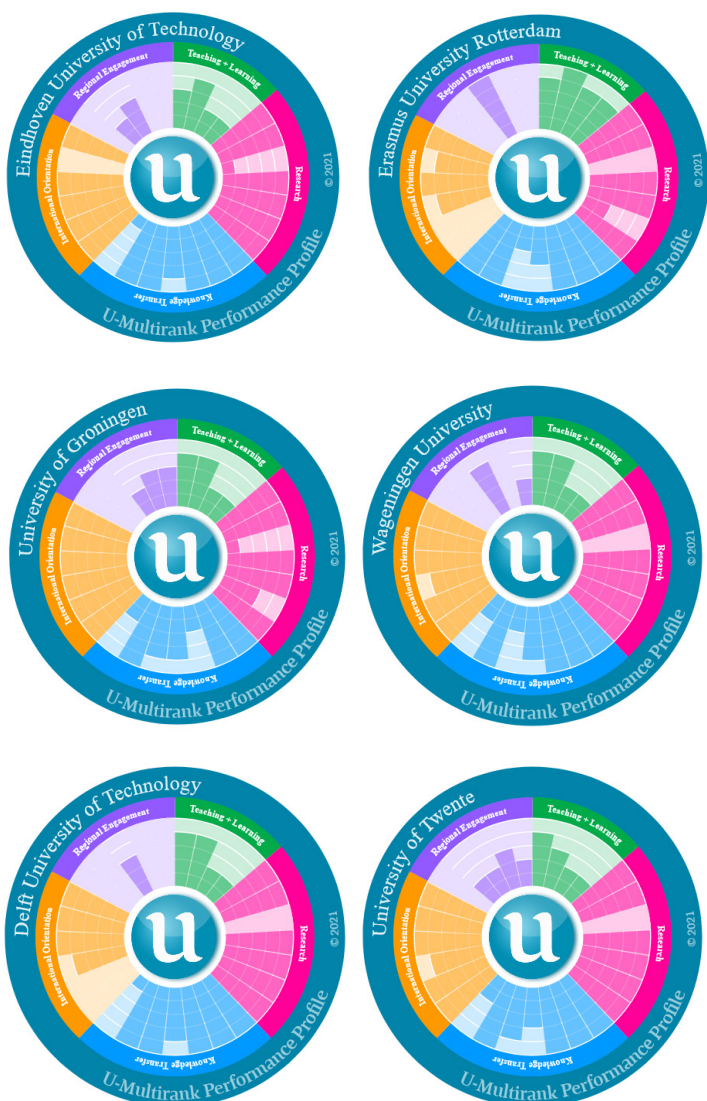
Although the number of 'A' scores shows top performance for the respective university, it does not imply one university is the 'best' in the country, as each university profile highlights different strengths.

Dutch universities with the highest number of overall top scores in 2021	Total 'A' scores 2021	Total 'A' scores 2020
Eindhoven University of Technology	18 ↑	14
Erasmus University Rotterdam	16 ↑	15
University of Groningen	16 ↑	15
Wageningen University	16 ↑	13
Delft University of Technology	15 ↓	16
University of Twente	15 ↑	13

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

WHAT ARE THE PERFORMANCE PROFILES OF THE NETHERLANDS 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 Researcher publications (per normalised) 7 All-related output 8 Citation rate 9 Topical publications 10 Interdisciplinary publications 11 Post doc positions
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER	2 Income from private sources 3 Co-publications with industrial partners 4 Patents awarded (size-normalized) 5 Industry computers 6 Spin-offs 7 Publications cited in patents 8 Income from continuous professional development
INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION	9 Foreign language bachelor programmes 10 Foreign language master programmes 11 Student mobility 12 International academic staff 13 International doctoral degrees 14 International joint publications
REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT	25 Bachelor graduates working in the region 26 Bachelor 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](#).

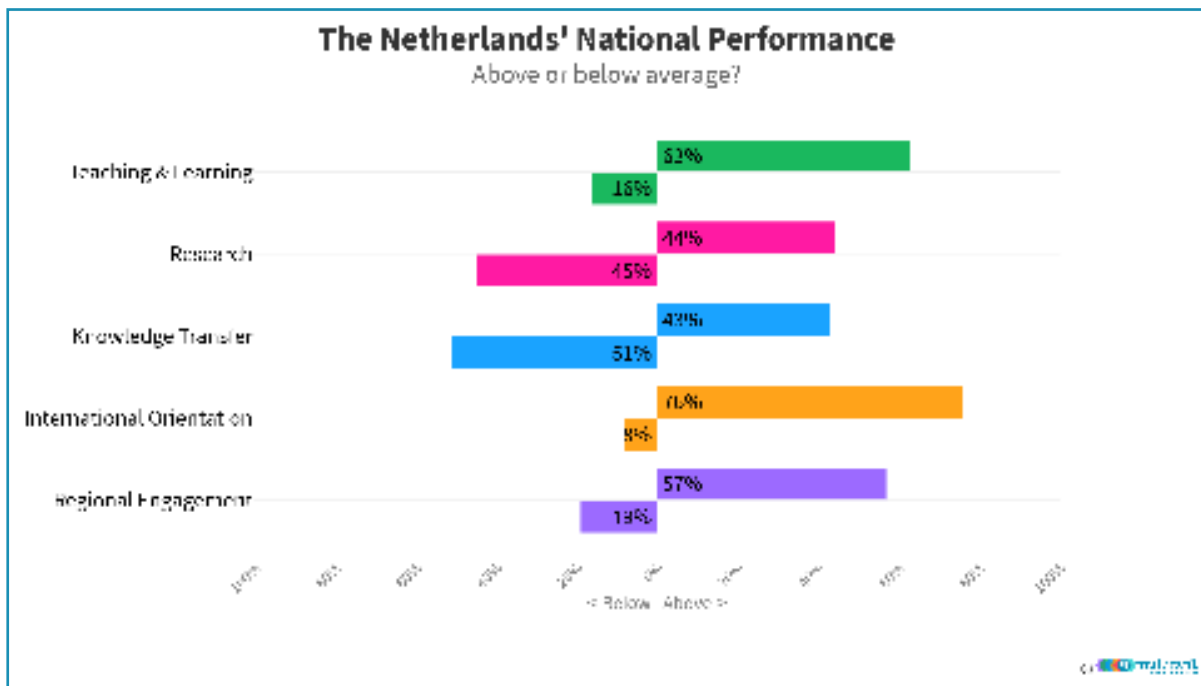
HOW DO DUTCH UNIVERSITIES PERFORM GLOBALLY?

Dutch higher education institutions perform strongest in U-Multirank's International Orientation dimension.

Above or below average?

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

The below table shows the national breakdown of Dutch 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										
Level of knowledge and/or number of years of the education										
U-Multirank level of knowledge	Education (5 years)		Master's		Postgraduate (3 years)		Postgraduate (2 years)		Postgraduate (1 year)	
	Internationalisation	Research	Internationalisation	Research	Internationalisation	Research	Internationalisation	Research	Internationalisation	Research
University of Amsterdam	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Erasmus University	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Utrecht University	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Radboud University	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tilburg University	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Wageningen University	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
University of Groningen	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
University of Twente	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
University of Leiden	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
University of Eindhoven	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

U-Multirank's National University Rankings 2021-2022 – The Netherlands

- [Institutional Rankings](#)

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

U-Multirank's Subject Rankings 2021-2022 – The Netherlands

- [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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