



Summary

Early in November 2021, Times Higher Education (THE), a weekly British magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education, completed its staggered release of the 2022¹ edition of their subject rankings. Universities were ranked in eleven subject areas: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Clinical and Health, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Psychology, and Social Sciences. Depending on the subject area, between 257 and 1,227 universities were ranked.

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was ranked in ten of the eleven subject areas: 301-400 in each of Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences; 401-500 in each of Arts and Humanities, Clinical and Health, Physical Sciences, and Psychology; and 501-600 in Business and Economics. No ranking was received in the subject area of Law.

What were the rankings based on?

The THE World University Rankings by Subject were based on the weighted scores of the same thirteen indicators in five pillars that were used in Times Higher Education’s overall university rankings. However, the weightings were adjusted for each subject to suit the individual fields. For example, the Teaching pillar carried 27.5 percent of the weight in Psychology, but 37.4 percent in Arts and Humanities.

Pillars	Indicator	Weight*	Source
Teaching	Reputational survey – teaching	27.5% -37.4%	Reputational survey
	Academic staff / total students		University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / undergraduate degrees awarded		University provided data
	Doctorates awarded / academic staff		University provided data
	Institutional income / academic staff		University provided data
Research	Reputational survey – research	27.5% - 37.6%	Reputational survey
	Academic papers / academic & research staff		Scopus database
	Research income / academic staff		University provided data
Citations	Citation impact (normalized average citations per paper)	15% - 35%	Scopus database
Industry income	Research income from industry and commerce (per academic staff)	2.5% - 5%	University provided data
International outlook	Ratio of international to domestic staff	7.5% - 9%	University provided data
	Ratio of international to domestic students		University provided data
	Proportion of internationally co-authored research papers		Scopus database

* The weighting of each indicator varied depending on the subject area.

In order to be considered in the subject rankings, institutions must meet a certain threshold in the number of papers published in the discipline area as well as in the proportion of faculty who work in the discipline.

For more information on the THE ranking methodology, please go to: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/by-subject>

¹ The rankings were name to reflect the intended readers: students who plan to attend university in the following year.



Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

The highest global ranking that USask received was 301-400 in five subject areas: Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences. Within Canada, USask received their highest rankings in Social Sciences (tied for 12), and both Computer Science and Life Sciences (tied for 13 in each subject). In terms of the U15, the best outcomes were similarly in Computer Science (tied for 7), as well as Physical Sciences and Social Sciences (both tied for 9).

As compared to the previous year, six of the eleven global rankings remained the same. The ranking for three subjects improved by one tier over last year: the Business and Economics placement was 501-600 (from 601*), Education increased to 301-400 from 401-500, and Life Sciences moved up to 301-400, previously 401-500. Ranking placements for Clinical and Health, as well as Physical Sciences, dropped to 401-500 from 301-400. Any movements for USask nationally or within the U15 from year-to-year were generally small, but a few shifts are worth mentioning. Nationally, USask moved up 6 positions in Life Sciences (tie for 13), while also increasing by 4 positions in Education (tie for 14). Our national position in Physical Sciences dropped by 3 positions (tie for 14). As far as U15 placement, there was less movement, but Computer Science and Life Sciences rankings each moved up 3 positions. USask was tied for 7 in Computer Science and tied for 10 in Life Sciences. USask continued to not be ranked in Law, however only 257 schools are ranked, the lowest number for any subject area.

USask Rankings in 2022 THE World University Rankings by Subject

Subject Area	World	Canada	U15
Arts & Humanities	401-500	20*	14
Business & Economics	501-600	23*	15
Clinical & Health	401-500	15*	15
Computer Science	301-400	13*	7*
Education	301-400	14*	11*
Engineering	301-400	16*	10*
Law	257+	15+	11+
Life Sciences	301-400	13*	10*
Physical Sciences	401-500	14*	9*
Psychology	401-500	22*	14
Social Sciences	301-400	12*	9*

Notes:

1. Depending on the subject area, between 257 and 1,227 universities were ranked.
2. Grey font indicates that the USask was not ranked in the subject area, while 257 universities were ranked.
3. An asterisk (*) indicates a tie.

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