

Summary

On January 21, 2026, Times Higher Education (THE), a weekly British magazine reporting specifically on news and issues related to higher education, released its 2026 edition of their subject rankings. Universities were ranked in eleven subject areas: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Computer Science, Education Studies, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Medical and Health, Physical Sciences, Psychology, and Social Sciences. Depending on the subject area, between 425 and 1,555 universities were ranked.

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) was again ranked in all eleven subject areas with the results being 201-250 in Engineering; 251-300 in Education Studies, Law, and Physical Sciences; 301-400 in each of Computer Science, Life Sciences, Medical and Health, Psychology, and Social Sciences; 401-500 in Arts and Humanities, and 601-800 in Business and Economics.

What were the rankings based on?

As in the past, this ranking continues to utilize the same methodology as that used in Times Higher Education's overall university rankings. The methodology for the overall rankings, as well as these subject rankings, underwent a **significant revision** two years ago. Currently, 17 indicators are used in this ranking (one other is not currently weighted) and these are grouped and weighted within five larger pillars. However, the weightings are adjusted for each subject to suit the individual fields. For example, the Teaching pillar carried 26.8 percent of the weight in Psychology, but 37.3 percent weight in Arts and Humanities. The revised list of indicators with weight ranges for each pillar, are as follows:

Pillar	Indicator	Weight	Source
Teaching	Reputational survey – teaching	26.8 - 37.3%	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 Environment	Reputational survey – research	26.5 - 37.2%	Reputational survey
	Academic papers / academic & research staff		Elsevier data
	Research income / academic staff		University provided data
Research Quality	Citation impact - normalized average citations per paper (FWCI)	15 - 35.2%	Elsevier data
	Research strength - 75 th percentile of FWCI		Elsevier data
	Research excellence - # publications in top 10% by FWCI worldwide		Elsevier data
	Research influence – measure based on importance of citations		Elsevier data
Industry Income	Research income from industry and commerce / academic staff	3 - 8%	University provided data
	Patents - # of global patents that cite research by university		Elsevier 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		Elsevier data

* 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 subject ranking methodology, please go to:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/world-university-rankings-subject-2026-methodology>

Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

Of the 11 subject areas ranked, USask experienced slight drops in 3 of the 11 rankings over prior year. Ranking placements for Arts and Humanities, Computer Science, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Medical and Health, Psychology, and Social Sciences, all were unchanged year-over-year. There was a one tier drop for each of Business and Economics, Education Studies, and Physical Sciences.

Within Canada, once again USask received its highest rankings in Physical Sciences (tied for 8), Social Sciences (tied for 11), and Education Studies and Life Sciences (tied for 12). In terms of the peer U15 group, the best outcomes were again in Physical Sciences (tied for 7) and Education Studies and Engineering (tied for 9). Two other subjects were in the U15 Top 10 including Computer Science and Social Sciences (tied for 10).

There were not really any significant movements for any of the 11 subject placements for USask from year-to-year, either within Canada or the U15. Within both the national and U15 placement lists, USask realized small improvements (few positions) for each of Arts and Humanities, and Life Sciences.

USask Rankings in 2026 THE World University Rankings by Subject

Subject Area	# Institutions Ranked	World	Canada	U15
Arts and Humanities	817	401-500	16*	12*
Business and Economics	1067	601-800	24*	15*
Computer Science	1165	301-400	23*	10*
Education Studies	830	251-300	12*	9*
Engineering	1555	201-250	10*	9*
Law	425	251-300	16*	12*
Life Sciences	1211	301-400	12*	11*
Medical and Health	1230	301-400	18	15
Physical Sciences	1497	251-300	8*	7*
Psychology	694	301-400	21*	12
Social Sciences	1202	301-400	11*	10*

Notes:

1. Depending on the subject area, between 425 and 1,555 universities were ranked.
2. An asterisk (*) indicates a tie.

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