Column/Features Description

Academic reputation – Accounting for 40 per cent of the overall score, academic reputation looks at the teaching and research quality at the world's universities. We collate over 130,000 expert opinions from the higher education space, creating the largest survey of academic opinion in the world.

Employer reputation – We know that students want to graduate with the skills and knowledge required for the employment market. We assess how institutions prepare students for successful careers, and which institutions provide the most competent, innovative, and effective graduates.

Faculty/student ratio – This indicator recognizes that a high number of academics per student reduces the teaching burden and creates a more supportive student experience. We assess how institutions provide students with meaningful access to lecturers and tutors.

Citations per faculty – We measure university research quality with a citation per faculty metric, taking the total number of academic citations in papers produced by a university in a <u>five-year period</u>.

International student ratio & International faculty ratio – A highly international university creates a number of benefits. It demonstrates the ability to attract quality students and staff from across the world, and it implies a highly global outlook. Strong international institutions provide a multinational environment, building international sympathies and global awareness.

The set of indicators for our World University Ranking and their weights are shown below, linking to their fuller descriptions in our methods section.

Academic Reputation   40%

Employer Reputation   10%

Faculty Student Ratio   20%

Citations per Faculty   20%

International Faculty Ratio   5%

International Student Ratio   5%

International Research Network 0% (for 2023 edition)

Employment Outcomes   0% (for 2023 edition)

Based on Classifications

1. Size

Based on the (full time equivalent) size of the degree-seeking student body. Where an FTE number is not provided or available, one will be estimated based on common characteristics of other institutions in the country or region in question.

	Size	Students
XL	Extra Large	More than 30,000
L	Large	>=12,000
M	Medium	>=5,000
S	Small	Fewer than 5,000

2. FOCUS/Subject Range

Four categories based on the institution's provision of programs in the five broad faculty areas used in the university rankings. Due to radically different publication habits and patterns in medicine, an additional category is added based on whether the subject institution has a medical school.

	Focus	Faculty Area
FC	Full comprehensive	All 5 faculty areas + medical school
CO	Comprehensive	All 5 faculty areas
FO	Focused	3 or 4 faculty areas
SP	Specialist	2 or fewer faculty areas

3. Age

	Classification	Age
5	Historic	100 years old and more
4	Mature	50-99 years old
3	Established	25-49 years old
2	Young	10-24 years old
1	New	Less than 10 years old

4. Research Intensity

Four levels of research activity evaluated based on the number of documents retrievable from Scopus in the five-year period preceding the application of the classification. The thresholds required to reach the different levels are different depending on the institution's pre-classifications.

RESEARCH INTENSITY

VH   Very High

HI   High

MD   Medium

LO   Low