

# URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY EARNS GLOBAL RECOGNITION IN THE 2024 UI GREENMETRIC WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS: A TESTAMENT TO ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY AND SDG 15 – LIFE ON LAND



Out of **1,477 universities worldwide**, UCU emerged as a **leading institution in the Philippines and Asia**, garnering the following distinctions:

- 🏆 **Rank 1** – Local Universities and Colleges (LUC) in the Philippines
- 🏆 **Rank 1** – Philippine Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the Water Management category
- 🏆 **Rank 1** – in Pangasinan
- 🏆 **Rank 3** – in Region I
- 🏆 **Rank 8** – in the entire Philippines
- 🏆 **Rank 189** – in Asia
- 🌐 **Rank 361** – in the World

Urdaneta City University (UCU) proudly marks another milestone as it **successfully secures impressive ranks in the 2024 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings**, a prestigious global assessment of higher education institutions based on their commitment to **environmental sustainability and green campus initiatives**.

The UI GreenMetric World University Rankings evaluates universities using 39 indicators across six key criteria: setting and infrastructure, energy and climate change, waste management, water management, transportation, and education and research. This ranking recognizes institutions that integrate environmental awareness, green innovation, and sustainability practices into their operations and academic culture.

This remarkable achievement underscores Urdaneta City University's unwavering commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 15: Life on Land, which promotes the protection, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems. Through its continuous efforts in environmental conservation, green campus initiatives, and sustainable water management systems, UCU reaffirms its role as a leader in sustainability-driven education.

As a **first-time participant** in this global ranking, UCU's strong performance reflects its proactive engagement in environmental preservation, campus greening programs, and innovative resource management. These accomplishments highlight the University's mission to integrate ecological responsibility into academic excellence, fostering a learning environment that nurtures both people and the planet.

This achievement not only celebrates UCU's success but also **strengthens its resolve to advance sustainability in higher education**. By consistently aligning its programs and policies with the SDGs, Urdaneta City University continues to prove that excellence in education goes hand in hand with stewardship of the environment.

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