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**QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026**

**University of Patras  
Ranks Among World's Best in 11 Subjects**

**London, 25th March 2026: University of Patras** has been named as one of the world's top universities for the study of 11 subjects in the latest edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject (<https://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings>). \*

The 2026 edition of the **QS World University Rankings by Subject**, released today by global higher education analyst QS Quacquarelli Symonds, provides independent comparative analysis on the performance of more than 18,300 individual university programmes, taken by students at more than 1700 universities in 100 locations around the world, across 55 academic disciplines.

Additionally, five broad faculty areas are assessed (Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences & Management).

**University of Patras ranks in 11 subjects. Of these, 3 climb the table, 3 drop, 5 remain unchanged. Additionally, the institution ranks in 2 broad subject areas. Of these, 1 moves up, 1, ranks for the first time.**

QS uses five key metrics to compile the subject rankings. Reputation indicators are based on the responses of more than 200,000 employers and academics to QS surveys while Citations per Paper and H-Index measure research impact and productivity. International Research Network (IRN) is used to assess cross-border research collaboration.

Greece has 105 programmes ranked across 13 institutions. Of these, 19 climb the table, 21 drop, 40 remain unchanged. 25 rank for the first time.

Ben Sowter, QS Senior Vice President, said: "The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026 highlight a global higher education landscape that is becoming both more competitive and more specialised. While traditional leaders in the US, UK and parts of Europe continue to dominate many disciplines, we are seeing significant momentum from systems across Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. Institutions are increasingly building global reputations through targeted subject excellence, research collaboration and industry engagement. This year's results show that strategic investment in specific disciplines – not just overall institutional strength – is becoming a defining feature of how universities compete and gain international recognition."

\* The link will be updated with the latest results when the embargo lifts.

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## University of Patras - World and Domestic Rankings - All Ranked Subjects

An '=' indicates a tied domestic rank. Please, ensure this is clearly communicated in all related materials.

		World		Greece	
		2026	2025	2026	2025
Subject	Engineering - Civil & Structural	201-275	201-275	3	3
	Engineering - Chemical	251-300	301-350	=2	3
	Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing	251-300	301-350	3	3
	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	301-350	301-350	3	3
	Materials Science	351-400	401-550	=2	=2
	Environmental Sciences	401-450	351-400	3	2
	Computer Science & Information Systems	451-500	451-500	4	4
	Medicine	501-550	501-550	4	4
	Biological Sciences	551-600	551-600	4	4
	Chemistry	551-600	501-550	4	3
Broad Subject A..	Physics & Astronomy	601-675	501-550	5	5
	Engineering & Technology	324	401-450	3	=3
	Natural Sciences	501-550		4	

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026 results are provisional and subject to change until the time of publication

## Global Highlights

- Australia dominates top Sports-related Subjects rankings, with University of Queensland (2nd) and University of Sydney (3rd); Monash University also ranks 2nd in Pharmacy and UNSW Sydney 3rd in Mineral & Mining Engineering.
- Singapore ranks among the world's strongest higher education systems, with 42 subject entries in the global top 10—third worldwide behind the US (271) and UK (171), and nearly triple China's regional total (15).
- China leads globally in Classics & Ancient History, with Fudan University rising to 2nd and Peking University placing 3rd, behind only Sapienza University of Rome.
- India doubles its top-50 subject rankings to 27 across 12 institutions, led by Indian School of Mines University Dhanbad (21st in Mineral & Mining Engineering) and IIM Ahmedabad (21st in Business & Management Studies and Marketing).
- Switzerland leads Europe with 12 top-five subject entries—twice the Netherlands—driven partly by dominance in Hospitality & Leisure Management; ETH Zurich also holds three global number-one subject ranks.
- Italy strengthens its presence in the top 10, led by Sapienza University of Rome with three subject entries, while Bocconi University ranks 9th in Marketing and 10th in Business & Management Studies.
- Spain's IE University records the world's highest net improvement rate among institutions with five or more ranked subjects, while Complutense University of Madrid ranks Spain's highest at 11th in Dentistry.
- Portugal is Europe's most improved higher education system (12% net improvement), led by University of Porto, which rises 25 places to 69th in Pharmacy & Pharmacology.
- The Netherlands records Europe's highest subject-ranking drop rate among major systems, though Psychology remains a national strength with nine universities in the global top 100 led by University of Amsterdam (9th).
- Germany's highest subject ranking comes from Universität Heidelberg (8th in Classics & Ancient History), while Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin posts the world's biggest improvement in Medicine, jumping from 93rd to 18th.
- France leads continental Europe in Social Sciences, with Sciences Po ranking 3rd in Politics & International Studies and INSEAD 4th in Business & Management Studies.
- The UK sees 40% of subject entries rise in the rankings—joint third globally—and records 15 world-leading subject positions and 63 top-three placements.
- KFUPM remains the Arab region's highest-ranked university, placing 5th globally in Petroleum Engineering.
- US universities lead globally with 37 top-ranked subjects and 88 top-three placements; Harvard tops 14 narrow subjects, followed by MIT with 11, more than any other universities. Meanwhile, Juilliard regains the top spot in Performing Arts after being usurped in 2021 following a six-year run at the top.
- South African universities achieve Africa's highest subject rankings, led by University of Cape Town (11th in Development Studies) and University of Witwatersrand (25th in Mineral & Mining Engineering and Development Studies).
- Universidade de São Paulo holds Latin America's highest subject rankings, placing 12th in History of Art and 15th in Dentistry, while Ecuador records the region's strongest overall improvement rate (33%).

## Methodology

QS use five key metrics to compile the subject rankings. The precise weighting of each metric varies by subject to reflect differing publication cultures across disciplines. For example, research performance, based on the analysis of the bibliometric database Scopus/Elsevier, is deemed to be a stronger indicator of institutional strength in Medicine, where the discipline is highly reliant on dissemination of research, than it is in Performing Arts, where the discipline is more vocational in nature.

Detailed methodological information can be found at <https://www.TopUniversities.com/subject-rankings/methodology>.

The full rankings will be available on Wednesday 25th March 10:00 AM GMT, and can be found at <https://www.TopUniversities.com/subject-rankings/>

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The QS World University Rankings portfolio, inaugurated in 2004, is the world's most popular source of comparative data about university performance.

Their flagship website, [www.TopUniversities.com](http://www.TopUniversities.com) – the home of their rankings – was viewed more than 120 million times in 2023, and over 124,000 media clippings pertaining to, or mentioning, QS were published by media outlets across the world in 2023.

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