



2026 QS World University Rankings by Subject

Summary

On March 25, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a company that specializes in providing study abroad services, released the 2026 QS World University Rankings by Subject. Overall, 1908 institutions were ranked across 55 subjects in five broad subject areas. The University of Saskatchewan (USask) ranked tied for 49 in Veterinary Science, tied for 54 in Agriculture & Forestry, tied for 151-200 in each one of Environmental Sciences and Geophysics, 201-250 in Geology, 201-275 in Earth & Marine Sciences, 351-400 in each Biological Sciences and Pharmacy & Pharmacology, 401-450 in each one of Education and Chemistry, 401-550 in Materials Sciences, 451-500 in Medicine, 501-550 in Physics & Astronomy, and 701-750 in Computer Science & Information Systems. *Besides ranking in 15 individual subjects, overall, USask received rankings in two of the five broader subject areas: tied for 310 in Life Sciences & Medicine and tied for 380 in Natural Sciences.*

What were the rankings based on?

The QS individual subject rankings were produced based on as many as five weighted indicators: Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Citations per Paper, H-index, and International Research Network (IRN). Weights of all five factors can vary depending on the subject area. Due to the degree of availability of publication and citation data across the subject disciplines, the weightings for the various subjects will vary, and may even be zero for some indicators. For example, Citations per Paper carried 30 percent of the weight in each of Dentistry and Nursing, 10 percent weight in subjects such as Archaeology and Philosophy, but is not even utilized for Art & Design.

For each of the five broad subject area rankings, all five indicators carry some weight, however the formulas are different depending on the area.

Indicator	Indicator Description	Weight*	Source
Academic Reputation	Drawing on responses from academics, this indicator demonstrates which universities other academics consider to be excellent for research in the given area. The results of the survey are then filtered according to the narrow area of expertise identified by respondents.	30-90%	Previous respondents/ Submitted contact lists from institutions/Sign-ups on our sign-up facility/IBIS database
Employer Reputation	The employer reputation indicator draws from the survey responses of graduate employers worldwide. Employers are asked to identify institutions they consider excellent for the recruitment of graduates. They are also asked to identify the disciplines from which they prefer to recruit.	5-50%	Previous respondents/ Submitted contact lists from institutions/ QS partners / institution supplied lists
Citations per Paper	All citations data is sourced from Elsevier Scopus. A minimum publication threshold is set for each subject to avoid potential anomalies stemming from small numbers of highly cited papers.	0-30%	Scopus
H-index	The H-index is a way of measuring both the productivity and impact of an academic or department at a university. The index is based on the set of the academic's most cited papers and the number of citations they have received in other publications.	0-30%	Scopus
IRN	The IRN Index reflects the ability of institutions to diversify the geography of their international research network by establishing sustainable research partnerships with other higher education institutions.	0-10%	Scopus



Depending on the subject area, between 50 and 850 universities were ranked. For more information about QS subject rankings methodology, please go to: <https://www.topuniversities.com/subject-rankings/methodology>

Rankings of the University of Saskatchewan

In the broad subject category of Life Sciences & Medicine, USask improved 6 positions and was ranked in a tie for 310 globally and remained placed 15 in Canada (14 within the U15). USask dropped about 6 positions in Natural Sciences and was tied for 380 globally, while placing 14 in Canada (13 within the U15). Additionally, in Engineering & Technology, USask dropped out of ranking this year (501-550 globally last year). In the two other broad subject areas – Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences & Management, USask continued to not be ranked.

USask received rankings in 15 of the 55 specific subject areas, which is an increase over ranking in 14 subjects last year.

Overall, we were among the best in Veterinary Science, ranked tied for 49 in the world and 5 in Canada (3 in U15). We also strongly positioned in Agriculture & Forestry, ranking tied for 54 in the world and 4 in Canada (3 in U15). The other strongest placement continued to be Environmental Sciences where we were placed in a tie for 151-200, while being positioned 7 in each of Canada and the U15.

In terms of specific indicators, USask's best score in Academic Reputation was 72.1 in Veterinary Science. The best score for Employer Reputation was again within Veterinary Science at 80.2. The subject area of Mineral & Mining Engineering received the highest institutional score for Citations per Paper (94.4), while the highest score for H-index was 88.2 within Education. With the indicator IRN being measured for only selected subjects, the highest rating was in Environmental Sciences at 68.2.



USask Rankings in 2026 QS World University Rankings by Subject

Subject Area	World	Canada	U15	Subject Area	World	Canada	U15
Arts & Humanities	553+	20+	13+	Natural Sciences	380*	14	13
Archaeology	260+	11+	8+	Chemistry	401-450	13	13
Architecture & Built Environment	262+	10+	7+	Earth & Marine Sciences	201-275	10*	9*
Art & Design	303+	9+	4+	Environmental Sciences	151-200*	7	7
Art History	50+	1+	1+	Geography	251+	13+	11+
Classics & Ancient History	150+	4+	4+	Geology	201-250	10*	9*
English Language & Literature	352+	17+	12+	Geophysics	151-200*	7*	7*
History	249+	8+	7+	Materials Sciences	401-550	12*	12*
Linguistics	350+	14+	9+	Mathematics	603+	22+	15
Modern Languages	352+	13+	10+	Physics & Astronomy	501-550	18*	14*
Music	50+	3+	3+	Social Sciences & Management	550+	16+	12+
Performing Arts	150+	8+	6+	Accounting & Finance	376+	13+	11+
Philosophy	225+	6+	5+	Anthropology	203+	10+	8+
Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies	150+	8+	8+	Business & Management Studies	650+	21+	12+
Engineering & Technology	556+	20+	13+	Communication & Media Studies	277+	10+	7+
Chemical Engineering	449+	12+	12+	Development Studies	150+	7+	6+
Civil & Structural Engineering	277+	12+	11+	Economics & Econometrics	699+	18+	12+
Computer Science & Information Systems	701-750*	21*	14*	Education & Training	401-450*	17*	13*
Data Science & Artificial Intelligence	201+	7+	6+	Hospitality & Leisure Management	174+	6+	3+
Electrical & Electronic Engineering	501-550	18*	13*	Law & Legal Studies	403+	13+	11+
Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering	575+	22+	14+	Library & Information Management	100+	7+	7+
Mineral & Mining Engineering	101+	7+	7+	Marketing	100+	4+	4+
Petroleum Engineering	174+	5+	3+	Politics	400+	15+	11+
Life Sciences & Medicine	310*	15	14	Social Policy & Administration	149+	6+	4+
Agriculture & Forestry	54*	4	3	Sociology	374+	15+	11+
Anatomy & Physiology	202+	13+	12+	Sports-Related Subjects	149+	13+	10+
Biological Sciences	351-400	15	14	Statistics & Operational Research	275+	11+	9+
Dentistry	150+	4+	4+	Notes: 1. Depending on the subject area, between 50 and 850 universities were ranked. 2. Grey fonts indicate that the USask was not ranked in the subject area, while XXX+ universities were ranked. 3. An asterisk (*) indicates a tie.			
Medicine	451-500	15	15				
Nursing	225+	12+	11+				
Pharmacy & Pharmacology	351-400	13	13				
Psychology	356+	18+	12+				
Veterinary Science	49*	5	3				

Further Information: For more information about this ranking or other university rankings, please contact [Assessment and Analytics](#) in the Office of the Provost and VP Academic.