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# Welcome to the **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025**

This file provides the results for your institution in the broad subject area and narrow subjects where you have been nominated for evaluation in our academic reputation survey, as well as the scores and ranks for those subjects where you scored highly enough to be ranked. It should also provide you with useful information for any media communication you might need to prepare before launch.

To produce the rankings for this year the team analysed the reputation and research output of over 5,200 institutions. From this group, 1,747 were ranked across 55 narrow subjects and 5 broad subject areas, creating over 21,000 entries. These figures reflect some of the scale behind this huge undertaking that the team carries out in order to produce these subject rankings.

Page 3 shows a summary of your scores in broad subject areas you have been analysed in, as well as ranks in the broad subject areas you are to be published in. Page 6 presents a summary of your institution's scores and ranks in narrow subjects.

In the Appendix (page 13) you will find an explanation of the weightings that make up the different subject tables, the evolution of the subject rankings exercise, the paper thresholds that we have used in this edition and an indication of the number of institutions analysed and ranked.

We hope you will find this useful.

**Rankings Team,  
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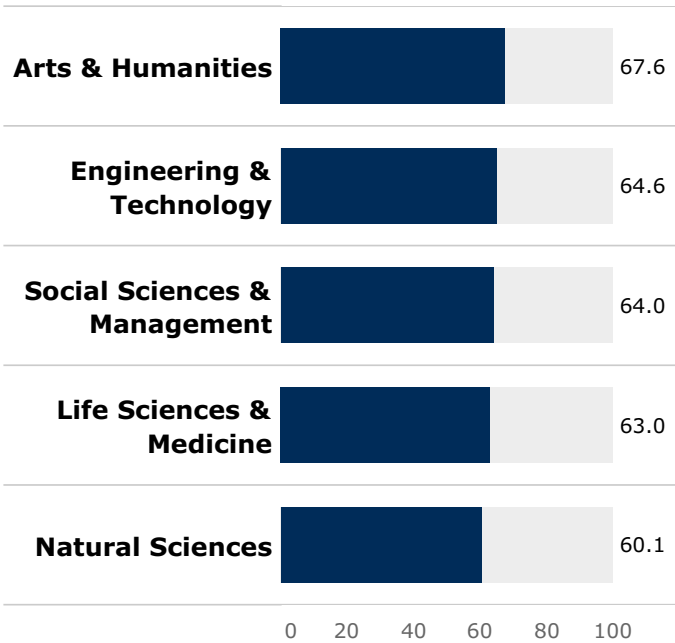
# Broad Subject Rankings Summary

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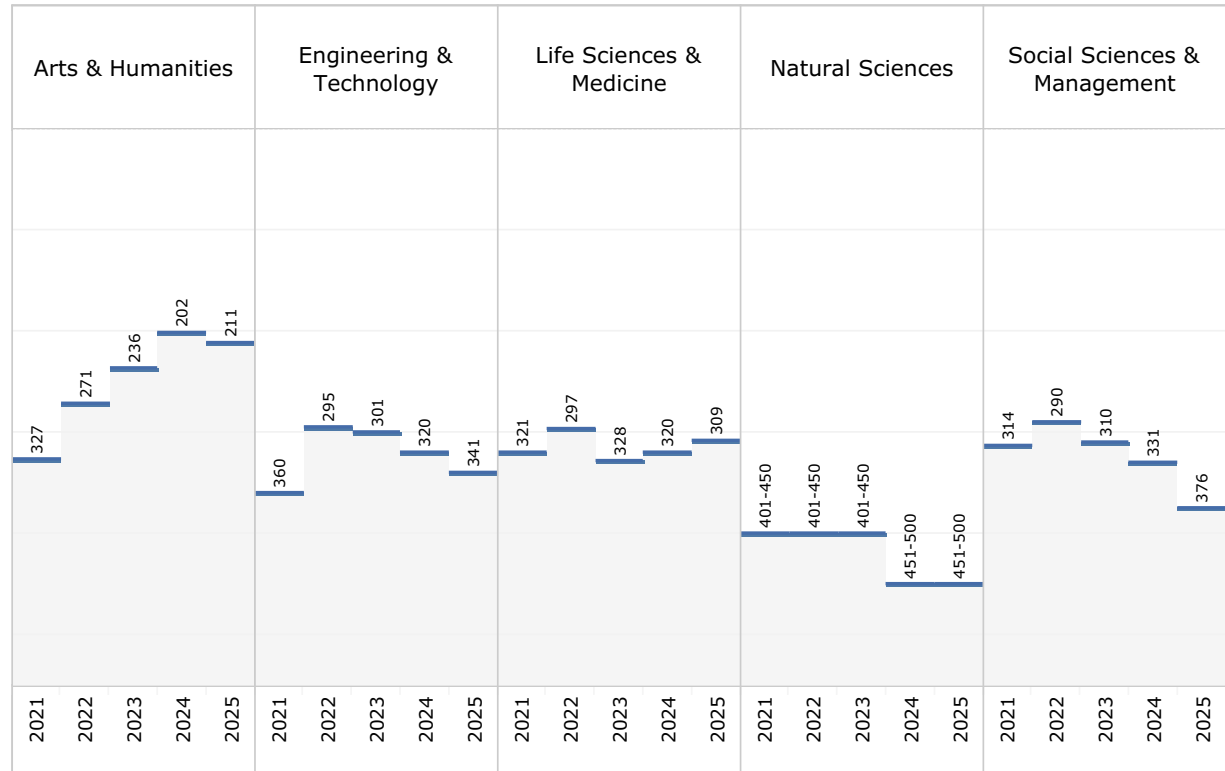
Overall ranks in 2025	Arts & Humanities	Engineering & Technology	Life Sciences & Medicine	Natural Sciences	Social Sciences & Management
	<b>211</b>	<b>=341</b>	<b>=309</b>	<b>451-500</b>	<b>=376</b>

### Overall Score by Broad Subject Area (0-100)

Rankings Year 2025



### Overall Rank Trend by Broad Subject Area



# Broad Subject Areas - Overall Ranks and Scores by Indicator

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This page displays your institution's comprehensive performance by indicator for all broad subject areas where it meets the ranking criteria. Consult the methodology section for details on the minimum requirements for inclusion in the rankings.

	Score (0-100)						Overall Rank
	Academic	Employer	Citations	H-Index	IRN	Overall	
Arts & Humanities	69.0	62.6	79.3	75.0	42.8	67.6	211
Engineering & Technology	60.4	61.2	88.1	65.2	67.0	64.6	=341
Life Sciences & Medicine	61.8	61.2	76.0	56.1	57.5	63.0	=309
Natural Sciences	57.5	61.3	72.7	57.6	53.3	60.1	451-500
Social Sciences & Management	61.2	62.4	85.7	73.7	55.3	64.0	=376

If you have a displayed score in reputation and research indicators then you met the minimum reputation and research threshold for consideration. In this case, the only reason you are not ranked is that your score is not high enough to receive a published rank.



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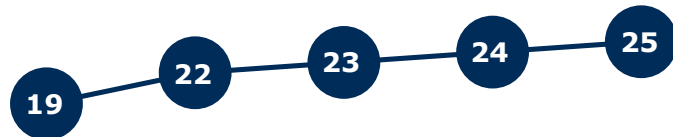
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# Narrow Subject Rankings Overview

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Subjects Analysed	Subjects Ranked	Top 100 Subjects
<b>42</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>

### Number of Ranked Subjects



### Number of Subjects by Performance Groups - Trend Over Time

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Top 100</b>			1	3	3
<b>Top 200</b>	4	6	6	6	7
<b>Top 300</b>	11	14	14	15	13
<b>Top 400</b>	18	19	21	20	20
<b>Top 500</b>	19	21	22	23	25

2021    2022    2023    2024    2025

### Top Subjects - University of Galway - QS Subject Rankings 2025

<b>51-150 Classics</b>	<b>51-100 Nursing</b>	<b>51-100 Performing Arts</b>	<b>101-150 English</b>	<b>101-150 Hospitality</b>
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Note: For visualisation purposes, only shortened subject names are shown here. Full subject names are available here: <https://shorturl.at/lmCI7>

# Narrow Subjects - Overall Rank and Scores by Indicator

If you have a displayed score in reputation and research indicators, then you have met the minimum threshold for consideration in these categories. If you are not ranked, it is because your score is not high enough to qualify for a published rank.

		Rank	Scores (0-100)				
			Overall	Academic	Employer	Citations	H-Index
Arts & Humanities	Archaeology	201-260	57.4	60.5	59.8	52.0	39.0
	Architecture / Built Environment	-					
	Art & Design	-					
	Classics & Ancient History	51-150	59.2	59.8	53.8		
	English Language & Literature	101-150	69.4	70.4	58.3	72.9	
	History	-	62.1	59.1	68.3	69.5	62.6
	History of Art	-					
	Linguistics	-	54.5	52.0	55.6	81.3	65.8
	Modern Languages	251-300	63.3	62.7	64.6		
	Music	-					
	Performing Arts	51-100	63.1	64.7	56.6		
	Philosophy	-	55.8	53.5	55.5	72.8	56.6
	Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies	-					
Social Sciences & Management	Accounting & Finance	-	50.5	43.9	61.1	47.6	54.6
	Anthropology	-					
	Business & Management Studies	301-350	61.1	54.7	59.6	76.9	81.5
	Communication & Media Studies	-	63.5	60.5	61.3	78.6	57.1
	Development Studies	-	58.3	54.7	53.3	70.5	63.9
	Economics & Econometrics	451-500	58.8	45.5	60.8	78.1	64.1
	Education	201-250	68.3	60.0	57.7	84.7	78.1
	Hospitality & Leisure Management	101-150	46.2	44.3	52.6		
	Law	151-200	65.7	63.7	63.1	77.1	73.8
	Library & Information Management	-					
	Marketing	-	60.9	52.8	66.8	72.0	72.1
	Politics & International Studies	251-300	57.9	53.9	63.3	63.0	56.1
	Social Policy & Administration	-	52.4	49.9	56.1	62.1	
	Sociology	-	55.2	50.3	56.0	80.0	69.5
	Sports-related Subjects	-					
Statistics & Operational Research	-	46.3	33.8	60.5	59.0	57.6	

# Narrow Subjects - Overall Rank and Scores by Indicator (continued)

		Rank	Scores (0-100)					
			Overall	Academic	Employer	Citations	H-Index	IRN
Engineering & Technology	Computer Science & Information Systems	401-450	56.1	38.8	59.6	86.7	65.4	74.5
	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	-	55.5	38.1	53.9	89.4	71.4	
	Engineering - Chemical	-						
	Engineering - Civil & Structural	201-275	62.5	61.2	59.8	73.2	60.6	
	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	451-500	53.5	41.1	59.2	76.4	62.5	38.0
	Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & M..	301-350	59.9	56.8	58.6	80.3	59.7	41.0
	Engineering - Mineral & Mining	-						
	Petroleum Engineering	-						
Life Sciences & Medicine	Agriculture & Forestry	301-350	49.9	40.0	59.6	75.9	57.1	39.9
	Anatomy & Physiology	-	61.1	60.1	56.6	69.4	56.3	
	Biological Sciences	301-350	60.2	59.9	60.4	74.0	58.5	37.2
	Dentistry	-						
	Medicine	=191	66.5	60.4	62.0	83.3	67.4	59.7
	Nursing	51-100	75.1	64.9	63.1	85.4	78.9	
	Pharmacy & Pharmacology	251-300	64.3	52.8	56.6	83.1	82.1	44.6
	Psychology	301-350	58.3	54.1	58.1	73.4	68.4	37.3
	Veterinary Science	-						
Natural Sciences	Chemistry	401-450	56.5	50.9	62.0	72.9	50.0	52.6
	Earth & Marine Sciences	-	62.6	59.7	65.1	74.9	64.2	44.0
	Environmental Sciences	301-350	68.4	61.5	64.1	85.8	70.8	43.5
	Geography	-	63.4	59.7	67.8	74.0	64.8	
	Geology	-	64.3	62.0	62.2	73.8	66.3	44.3
	Geophysics	-	63.7	63.1	62.0	70.9	65.4	44.6
	Materials Science	401-550	55.8	48.1	55.8	72.5	54.3	56.0
	Mathematics	301-350	59.8	50.0	60.1	75.9	71.2	57.6
	Physics & Astronomy	-	49.6	43.5	58.5	63.2	42.1	47.4

Receiving a score for a particular subject does not guarantee that we have checked for its presence at your institution. These checks are only carried out for institutions with a score high enough to receive a published rank in the subject. However, we encourage institutions to inform us about their subject coverage proactively:

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## Narrow Subjects - Rank Trend

The table below presents the overall ranks in each subject over the last five years.

Note that only the published ranks are provided. Institutions must meet minimum requirements to be considered in each subject.

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Arts & Humanities	Arts & Humanities	=327	=271	=236	202	211
	Archaeology		151-200	151-200	201-240	201-260
	Architecture / Built Environment					
	Art & Design					
	Classics & Ancient History					51-150
	English Language & Literature	101-150	101-150	=91	89	101-150
	History					
	History of Art					
	Linguistics			301-320	201-250	
	Modern Languages	151-200	151-200	201-250	201-250	251-300
	Music					
	Performing Arts			101-120	51-100	51-100
	Philosophy					
Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies						
Social Sciences & Management	Social Sciences & Management	=314	=290	=310	=331	=376
	Accounting & Finance	251-300	251-300			
	Anthropology					
	Business & Management Studies	351-400	301-350	301-350	301-350	301-350
	Communication & Media Studies					
	Development Studies					
	Economics & Econometrics	451-500	451-500	451-500	451-500	451-500
	Education	201-250	251-300	201-250	201-250	201-250
	Hospitality & Leisure Management		101-150	101-150	101-150	101-150
	Law	151-200	101-150	101-150	101-150	151-200
	Library & Information Management					
	Marketing					
	Politics & International Studies					251-300
	Social Policy & Administration					
	Sociology					
	Sports-related Subjects					
Statistics & Operational Research						

## Narrow Subjects - Rank Trend (continued)

The table below presents the overall ranks in each subject over the last five years.

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Engineering & Technology	Engineering & Technology	=360	=295	=301	=320	=341
	Computer Science & Information Systems	251-300	251-300	251-300	301-350	401-450
	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence					
	Engineering - Chemical					
	Engineering - Civil & Structural				201-240	201-275
	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	351-400	351-400	351-400	401-450	451-500
	Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & Ma..	301-350	301-350	301-350	301-350	301-350
	Engineering - Mineral & Mining					
	Petroleum Engineering					
Life Sciences & Medicine	Life Sciences & Medicine	=321	=297	=328	=320	=309
	Agriculture & Forestry	301-350	251-300	251-300	251-300	301-350
	Anatomy & Physiology					
	Biological Sciences	251-300	301-350	301-350	351-400	301-350
	Dentistry					
	Medicine	251-300	251-300	201-250	198	=191
	Nursing	101-150	101-150	101-150	51-100	51-100
	Pharmacy & Pharmacology	201-250	201-250	201-250	251-300	251-300
	Psychology	201-250	251-300	251-300	251-300	301-350
	Veterinary Science					
Natural Sciences	Natural Sciences	401-450	401-450	401-450	451-500	451-500
	Chemistry	351-400	351-400	351-400	401-450	401-450
	Earth & Marine Sciences					
	Environmental Sciences	301-350	251-300	201-250	201-250	301-350
	Geography					
	Geology					
	Geophysics					
	Materials Science					401-550
	Mathematics	351-400	401-450	301-350	351-400	301-350
	Physics & Astronomy		551-600	501-550	601-640	



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# Methodology - Indicator Definitions

The QS World University Rankings by Subject utilise a set of indicators with variable weights. It's important to note that not every indicator is used across all subjects, depending on the relevance of the available data.

## Academic Reputation

The Academic Reputation Index, central to the QS World University Rankings® and pivotal in the QS Subject Rankings, assesses global university performance. Launched by QS in 2004, this key metric draws on the insights of international academics to identify institutions that exemplify academic excellence. Their collective expertise sheds light on research quality, strategic partnerships, innovation, and the broader educational and societal influence of these universities.

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## Citations per Paper

The Citations per Paper metric reflects the research impact and quality of institutions, based on a five-year publication and six-year citation window. For Subject Rankings, citations from specialized journals are doubly weighted, while institutions with fewer publications face adjusted citation counts to maintain equitable outcomes.

## H-Index

The h-index quantifies a researcher's scholarly output and influence by tallying their most-cited works and the corresponding citation count. This index can extend to collective bodies like departments, institutions—our indicator's focus—or even entire countries and academic journals.

## International Research Network (IRN)

The International Research Network (IRN) assesses an institution's global engagement by tracking its international research partnerships and resulting co-authored publications. Leveraging the Margalef Index, widely used in the Environmental Sciences, the IRN reflects the diversity and scope of an institution's research connections and the effectiveness of establishing these global networks.

## Indicator Weightings by Broad Subject Area

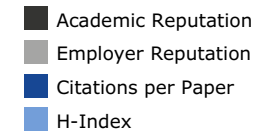


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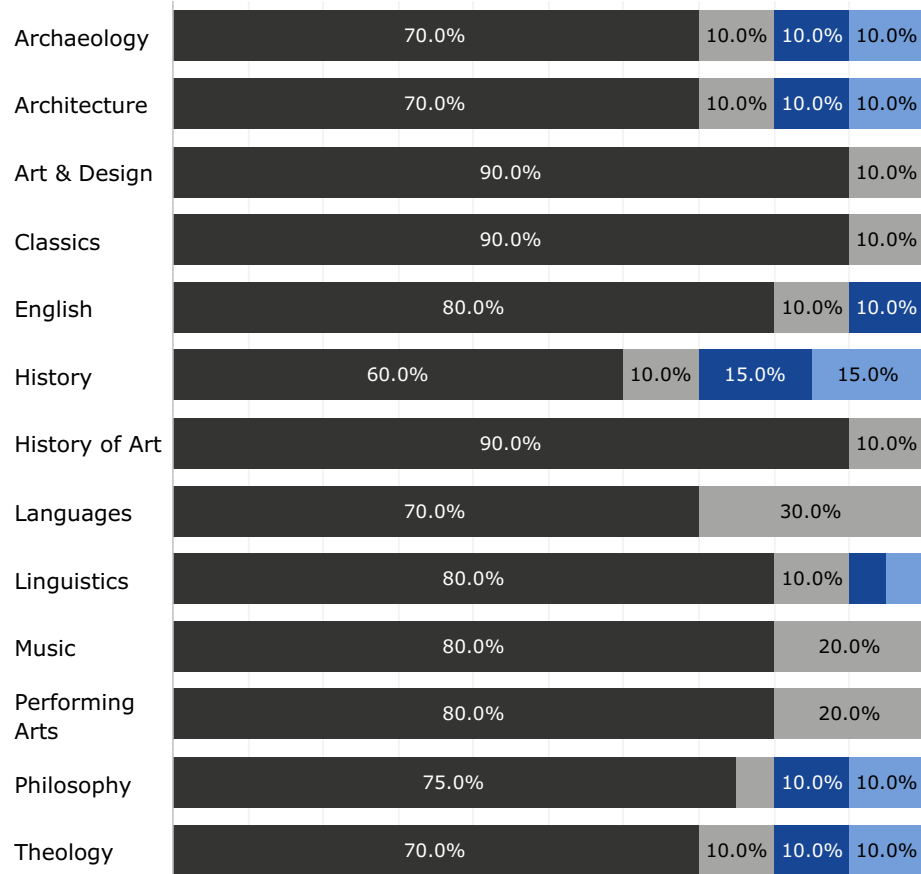
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# Indicator Weightings by Narrow Subject

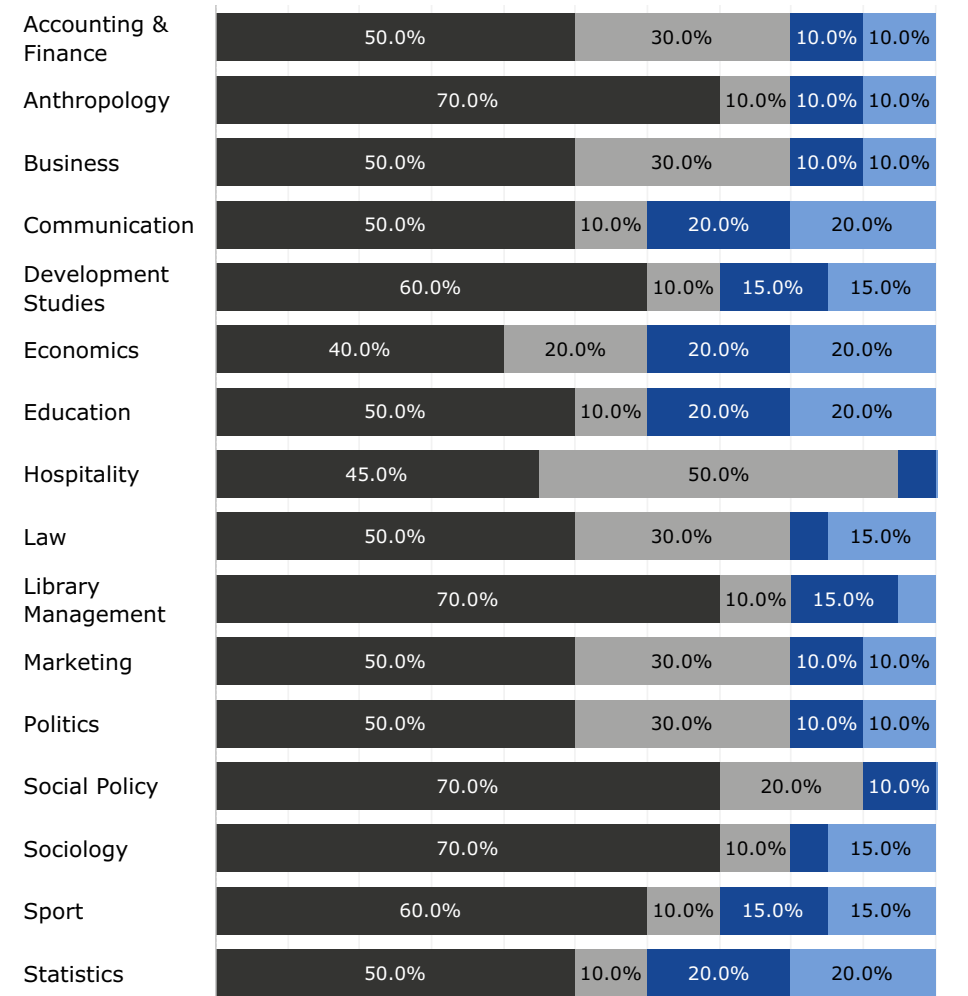
QS uses a variable approach to the weightings for the different subjects. The chart below provides details of the combinations used in the 2025 edition of the rankings.



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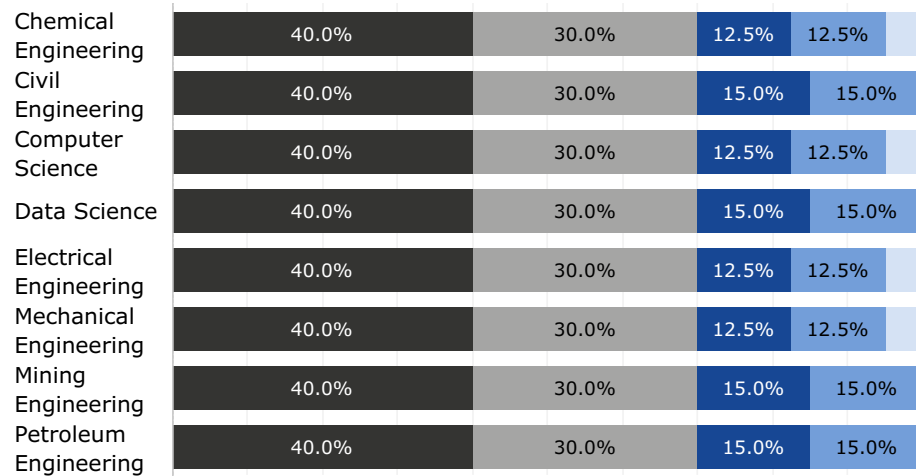


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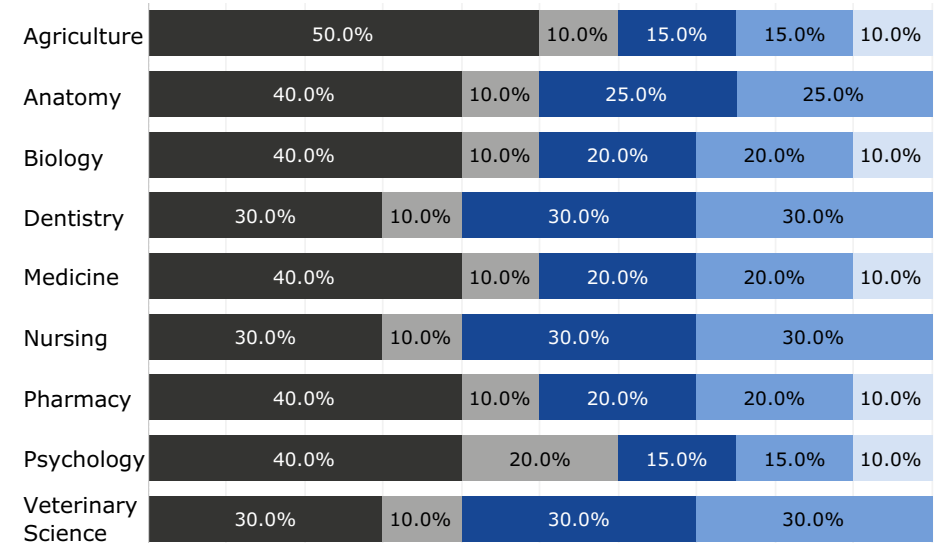


# Indicator Weightings by Narrow Subject

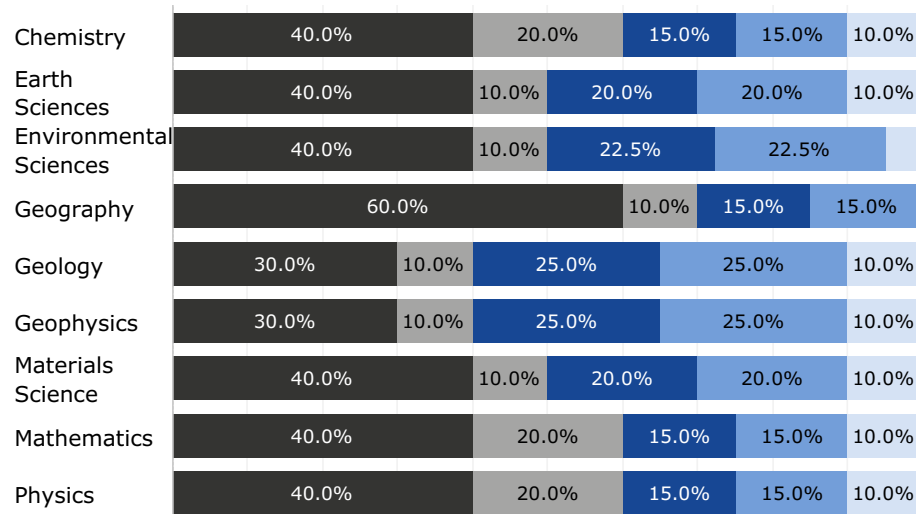
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## Life Sciences & Medicine



## Natural Sciences



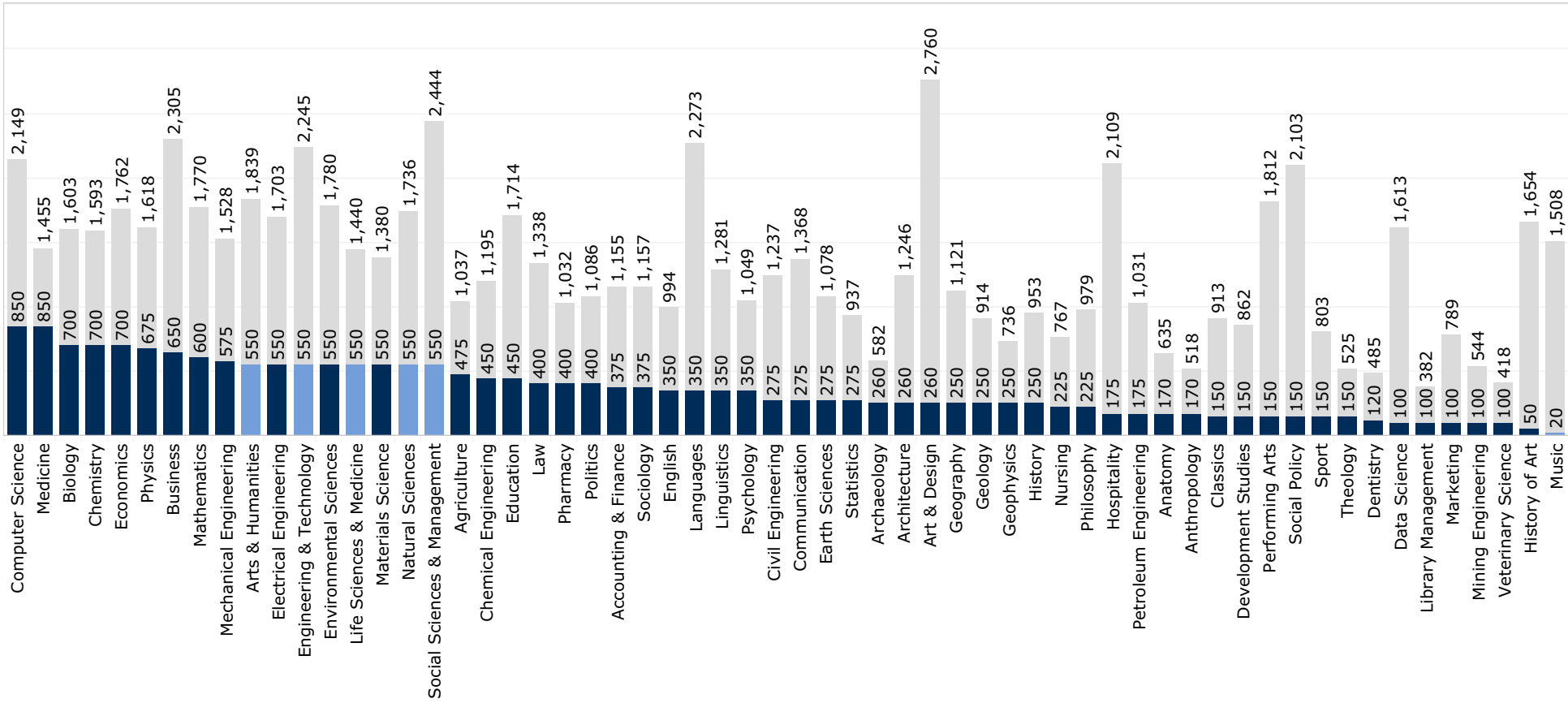
- Academic Reputation
- Employer Reputation
- Citations per Paper
- H-Index
- IRN



# Institutions Evaluated and Ranked by Subject

<b>Subjects Published</b>	<b>Locations Covered</b>	<b>Institutions Analysed</b>	<b>Institutions Published</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>1,747</b>

**Analysed and Published Institutions by Subject - Year 2025**



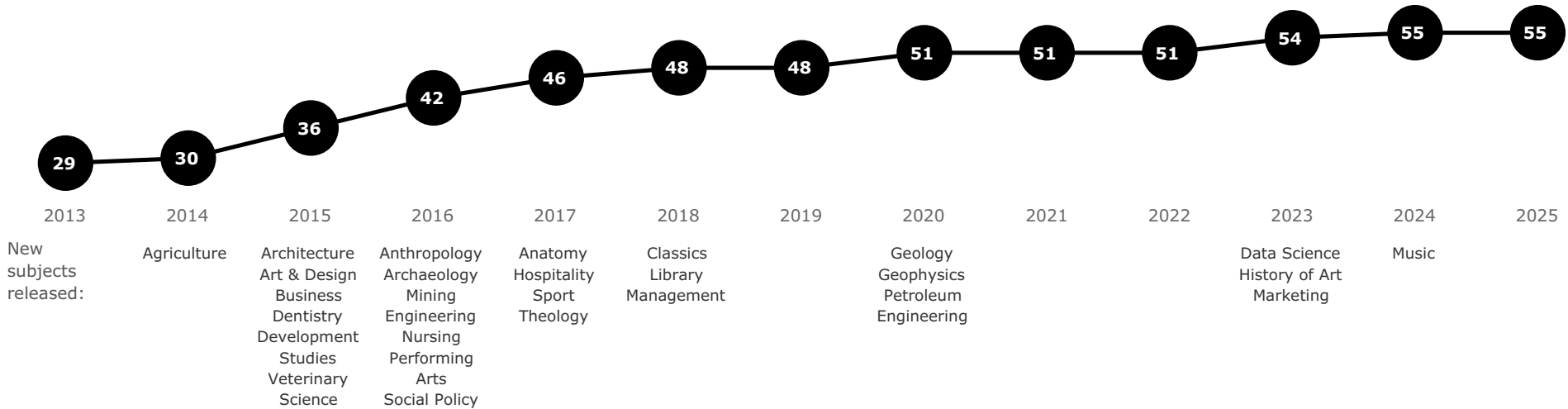
Darker blue indicates extended published ranges in 2025



# Evolution in Published Subjects

The **QS World University Rankings® by Subject** ranks the world's top universities in individual subject areas, covering 55 disciplines as of 2025. A list of the considered subjects, grouped by the year of first release, is presented below.

The chart below shows the evolution in the total number of published narrow subjects.



## Published Institutions by Location



## Top Locations by number of ranked institutions

United States of America	220
China (Mainland)	124
United Kingdom	104
France	81
India	79
Germany	61
Italy	56
Japan	53
Russian Federation	47
Republic of Korea	47

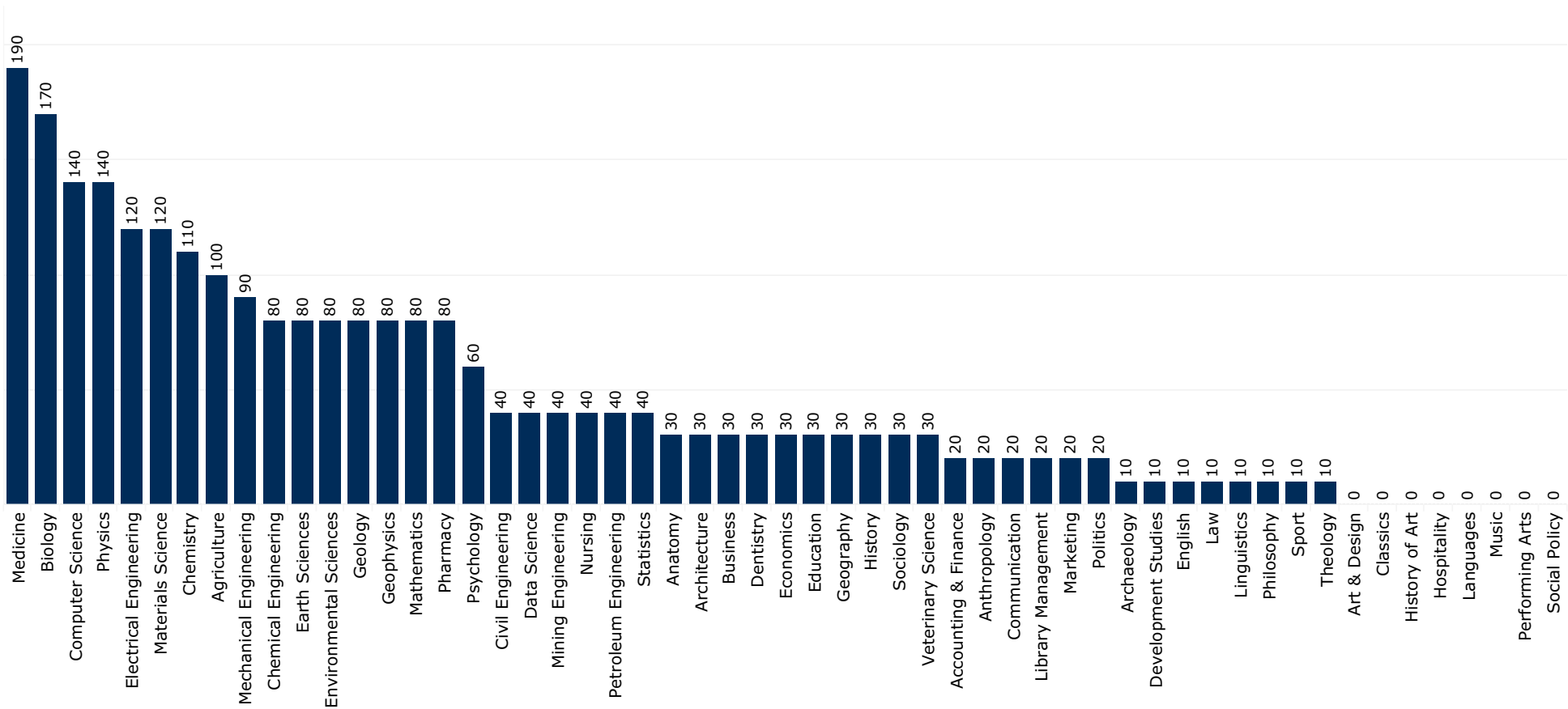
# Minimum Research Activity Required

In order to feature in any discipline table, an institution must meet three simple prerequisites:

- Offer undergraduate or taught postgraduate programmes in the given discipline
- Exceed the minimum required score for the academic and/or employer reputation indicators
- Exceed the five-year threshold for number of papers published and indexed by Scopus in the given discipline

The following chart discloses the minimum number of papers required to be considered in the latest edition of the rankings by subject.

**Number of Papers Threshold by Subject - Rankings Year 2025**



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