

THE World University Rankings 2020

OVERALL PERFORMANCE 2020

2020 Rank 401-500

2019 Rank 501-600

In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2020, Bournemouth University ranked **401-500** (up from 501-600 in 2019 and 601-800 in 2018) out of an increased list 1396 institutions worldwide (an additional 294 institutions since 2018).

1. METHODOLOGY

This year's table is based on the same 13 performance metrics used in previous years, covering a full range of activities including teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The most recent Academic Reputation Survey (run annually) underpins the teaching category and was carried out between November 2018 and March 2019. The 2019 data are combined with the results of the 2018 survey, giving more than 21,000 responses

The performance indicators are grouped into five pillars: Teaching (the learning environment); Research (volume, income and reputation); Citations (research influence); International Outlook (staff, students and research); and Industry Income (knowledge transfer). The Pillars are blended in the following proportions: Teaching 30%, Research 30%, Citations 30%, International outlook 7.5%, Industry income 2.5%.

This year, the bibliometric data supplier Elsevier examined almost 77.4 million citations to 12.8 million journal articles, article reviews, conference proceedings, books and book chapters published over five years. The data include over 23,400 academic journals indexed by Elsevier's Scopus database and all indexed publications between 2014 and 2018.

The University of Oxford tops the 2020 edition of the rankings for the fourth consecutive year, but most of the country's other leading institutions have fallen.

The University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, UCL, the London School of Economics and Political Science, and the University of Edinburgh – the UK's next highest-ranked universities – have all dropped by one place. Overall, 18 of the 28 UK institutions ranked in the top 200 of the table have declined since last year. European institutions occupy 79 of the top 200 places; with the UK most-represented (28 institutions) followed by Germany (23) and the Netherlands (11). Further information on the THE World University Rankings may be found at www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings.

2. BU PERFORMANCE

BU overall scores have improved in four of the five areas, most notably for Teaching which has seen its score increase by 4.3 since 2019 resulting in an improved ranking of 356th in the table for this measure (up 108 places since 2019, and 663 places since 2018).

An increase of 1.1 in BU's research score since 2019 results in the pillar rank remaining static at 668th and an increase of 3.7 in the citation pillar score results in a 2 place increase in rank to 560th. Disappointingly, a reduction of 0.2 in the pillar score for Industry income has resulted in a steep fall in ranking (down 201 places since 2019 to 1208th).

BU's best performing area remains International Outlook where despite a small increase in pillar score (up 0.3) BU dropped 17 places to 184th in the overall table.

Pillar Data (Weighting)	2020		2019		Metric (Weighting)	2020		2019	
	Pillar Score	Pillar Rank	Pillar Score	Pillar Rank		Value	Score	Value	Score
Teaching (30%)	33.2	356	28.9	464	Teaching reputation (15%)	10	4.4	7.1	3.9
					Doctorate awarded to academic staff (6%)	0.11	100	0.09	81.3
					Students to academic staff (4.5%)	17.1	42.1	16.5	42.6
					Doctorate to bachelor awarded (2.25%)	0.03	31.6	0.02	27.5
					Institutional income to academic staff (2.25%)	£193,429	31.1	£194,194	30.1
Research (30%)	18.7	668	17.6	668	Research reputation (18%)	13.4	3.4	4.6	2
					Publications per staff (6%)	-	56.8	-	55.8
					Research income to academic staff (6%)	£5,037	26.5	£5,997	26.2
Citations (30%)	55.5	560	51.8	562	Citation impact (30%)	-	55.5	-	51.8
International outlook (7.5%)	79.8	184	79.5	167	Percentage of international staff (2.5%)	28.5%	88.1	28%	86.2
					International co-authorship (2.5%)	-	80.3	-	80
					Percentage of international students (2.5%)	17.80%	70.9	19%	72.5
Industry income (2.5%)	34.8	1208	35	1007	Industry income to academic staff (2.5%)	£431	34.8	£1,198	35

Performance/Rank better than previous year

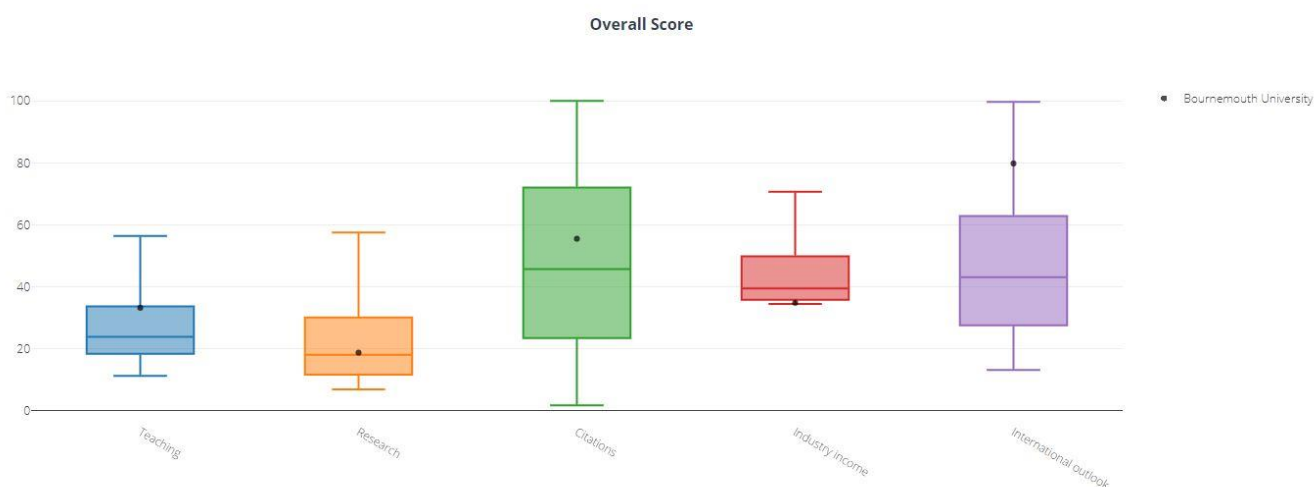
Performance/Rank same as previous year

Performance/Rank worse than previous year

Looking at the performance metrics that make up the main pillars, BU has increased its overall score in 10 out of the 13 performance metrics. Three metric scores have declined since 2019 (students to academic staff; down 0.5, percentage of international students; down 1.6, and industry income to academic staff; down 0.2). Two financial metrics additionally decreased in value in 2020; institutional income to academic staff (decreased by £765) and research income to academic staff (decreased by £960) however, this has not translated into a decline in the resulting metric score (up 1.0 and 0.3 respectively).

The three metrics which hold the greatest weighting, including two reputational measures, have all shown improved performance at BU since 2019. Teaching reputation (15%) is up 2.9 resulting in an increased score of 4.4 (up 0.5); research reputation (18%) is up 8.8 resulting in an increased score of 3.4 (up 1.4 and finally citation impact (value not available) has an increased score of 55.5 (up 3.7)

The following chart shows BU's performance against all institutions included in the worldwide rankings. BU is marked against the median, quartiles and top and bottom scores for each of the pillars. It should be noted that the top and bottom whiskers in the boxplot denote the highest and lowest data points within the 1.5 inter-quartile ranges of the respective quartiles therefore removing any institutional outliers within the data. The chart illustrates BU's strong performance within the International Outlook pillar in comparison to all institutions measured in the worldwide data and performance above the median in the Teaching, Research and Citations pillars.



	Teaching	Research	Citations	Industry Income	International Outlook
Worldwide - Top	56.4	57.5	100	70.7	99.7
Worldwide - 75%	33.6	30.1	72	49.8	62.8
Worldwide - Median	23.8	18	45.7	39.4	43.1
Worldwide - 25%	18.3	11.6	23.4	35.8	27.5
Worldwide - Bottom	11.2	6.8	1.7	34.4	13.1

*Shading indicates BU performance

BU 2020	33.2	18.7	55.5	34.8	79.8
<i>BU 2019</i>	<i>28.9</i>	<i>17.6</i>	<i>51.8</i>	<i>35.0</i>	<i>79.5</i>

3. UK PERFORMANCE 2020

Among UK universities, the official ranking places BU joint 49th out of 100, up from joint 59th out of 98 last year.

The table below shows BU's ranked performance amongst the 100 UK institutions. BU has improved its UK ranking in only one pillar in 2020: teaching, up 8 places to 29th. The reduction in BU's industry income has resulted in a 20 place fall to 75th out of the 10 UK providers, whilst the international outlook pillar has seen a fall of 4 places to 59th and the citations pillar has dropped 1 place to 63rd. The research pillar has remained static, ranking 59th in the UK.

	Rank in UK					
	Rank	Teaching	Research	Citations	Industry Income	International Outlook
2020	49 (401-500)	29	59	63	75	59
2019	59 (501-600)	37	59	62	55	55
Movement	↑	↑	↔	↓	↓	↓

4. INDICATIVE PERFORMANCE 2020

THE have determined that the group ranked in the 401-500 section of the table achieved an overall score between 38.8 and 42.3 (this group achieved between 37.1 and 41.6 in 2019). In analysing the data used to calculate the overall ranking position it is likely that BU's score for 2019 was around 39.1, with an **indicative rank of 490th** (up from an indicative score of 36.3 with an indicative rank of 523rd in 2019, a rise of 33 places).

The following data table shows performance data for all 100 UK institutions and has been re-sorted by this indicative ranking, placing BU 57th in the UK, up 5 places from 62nd in 2019.

Indicative Rank	THE Official Rank	Name	THE Overall	Indicative Overall	Teaching	Research	Citations	International Outlook	Industry Income
1	1	University of Oxford	95.4	95.4	90.5	99.6	98.4	96.4	65.5
3	3	University of Cambridge	94.4	94.4	91.4	98.7	95.8	95	59.3
10	10	Imperial College London	89.8	89.8	84.5	87.6	97	97.1	69.9
15	15	UCL	87.1	87.1	77.8	88.7	96.1	96.2	42.7
27	27	London School of Economics and Political Science	81.3	81.3	69	83	92.8	93.2	35.1
30	30	University of Edinburgh	79.4	79.4	67.3	74.1	96.4	93.8	38.9
36	36	King's College London	75.7	75.7	61.3	68.5	94.8	95.6	45.6
55	55	University of Manchester	69.7	69.7	56.9	63.8	85.2	91	44.7
77	77	University of Warwick	64.6	64.6	46.9	52.7	88.8	93.8	42.8
87	87	University of Bristol	63.2	63.2	41.8	48.4	95.5	86.6	40.9
99	99	University of Glasgow	62.2	62.2	41.1	47.9	91.8	92.3	40
110	110	Queen Mary University of London	61.3	61.3	35.3	43.1	98	96.7	44.1
112	112	University of Birmingham	60.9	60.9	39.6	45.6	92.1	89.2	39.3
117	117	University of Sheffield	60.1	60.1	45.2	46.4	83	87.3	45.8
122	122	University of Southampton	59.8	59.8	40.2	44.3	88	94.2	40.1
128	128	University of York	58.9	58.9	40.3	46.6	85.1	85.4	36.4
133	133	Durham University	58.5	58.5	45.5	47.8	75.5	91.7	37.9
139	139	Lancaster University	58	58.0	34.7	39.4	92.5	94.2	36
146	146	University of Exeter	57.4	57.4	33.9	38.9	92.4	91.9	37.8
146	146	University of Sussex	57.4	57.4	35.3	37.9	91.8	93.6	35.9
152	152	University of Nottingham	57.2	57.2	42.7	42.6	80.3	87.5	39.4
155	155	University of Leeds	57.1	57.1	41.1	45.9	78	87.5	39.9
165	165	University of Liverpool	56.3	56.3	35.2	37.5	88.8	92.2	38.8
166	166	University of Leicester	56.1	56.1	30.1	34.8	96.2	90.7	38.1
168	168	University of Aberdeen	56	56.0	30.4	33.3	95.2	95.7	45.8
192	192	University of East Anglia	54.2	54.2	28.3	30.1	97.2	87.7	35.7
198	198	Cardiff University	53.8	53.8	32.5	35.5	87.1	85.1	37.8
198	198	University of St Andrews	53.8	53.8	42.2	41.8	67.8	96.6	37.6
204	201–250	Newcastle University	50.1–53.7	53.6	31.5	36.2	85.5	87.8	41.7
205	201–250	Queen's University Belfast	50.1–53.7	53.3	31.2	35.5	83.7	96.4	38.7
232	201–250	University of Reading	50.1–53.7	51.2	32.1	35.2	76.9	91.9	40.3
233	201–250	University of Dundee	50.1–53.7	51.1	24.8	31.2	90.5	80.4	46.5
249	201–250	St George's, University of London	50.1–53.7	50.2	24	22	98.2	79.6	36.9
261	251–300	University of Surrey	46.9–50.0	49.1	30.2	34.3	71.9	93.7	46.8
269	251–300	Swansea University	46.9–50.0	48.8	21.3	24.1	93.3	83.2	36.8
277	251–300	University of Essex	46.9–50.0	48.5	31.6	34.3	68.6	96.5	35
280	251–300	University of Bath	46.9–50.0	48.3	28.6	31.1	75.7	90.3	37.5
283	251–300	Royal Holloway, University of London	46.9–50.0	48.1	30.6	30.2	73.4	92.8	37.1

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293	251–300	Brighton and Sussex Medical School	46.9–50.0	47.4	15.9	19.9	100	77.7	34.4
297	251–300	Heriot-Watt University	46.9–50.0	47.2	28.4	26.7	75.2	94	42
303	301–350	Anglia Ruskin University	44.5–46.8	46.8	17.9	14.4	99.9	83.7	35.1
354	351–400	University of Stirling	42.4–44.4	44.4	23.6	25.3	75.5	82.1	35.2
364	351–400	Birkbeck, University of London	42.4–44.4	44.0	27.6	31.5	62.8	87.4	34.5
365	351–400	University of Kent	42.4–44.4	43.9	24.1	28.4	67.9	91.5	35
371	351–400	Goldsmiths, University of London	42.4–44.4	43.7	33.8	28.6	60.4	79.4	35.1
376	351–400	Loughborough University	42.4–44.4	43.3	33.8	34.3	52.9	80.1	39
379	351–400	Northumbria University	42.4–44.4	43.2	19.4	18.1	85.6	72.4	35.1
381	351–400	Brunel University London	42.4–44.4	43.2	26.9	26.9	63.2	95.3	36.8
412	401–500	Royal Veterinary College	38.8–42.3	42.0	27.2	18.3	69.1	86.6	43.5
423	401–500	City, University of London	38.8–42.3	41.5	26.1	27.8	57.7	94.9	35.5
432	401–500	University of Strathclyde	38.8–42.3	41.1	28.3	31.6	51.9	86.2	43.6
436	401–500	Aberystwyth University	38.8–42.3	41.1	24.8	22.9	66.3	78.1	39.7
445	401–500	Middlesex University	38.8–42.3	40.8	19.4	17.3	74.2	88.3	34.6
458	401–500	Liverpool John Moores University	38.8–42.3	40.3	17.7	17.5	78.2	71.8	34.9
466	401–500	SOAS University of London	38.8–42.3	40.1	41.9	37.7	31.2	79.5	34.4
469	401–500	Bangor University	38.8–42.3	39.8	22.4	20.7	66.3	81.8	35.7
490	401–500	Bournemouth University	38.8–42.3	39.1	33.2	18.7	55.5	79.8	34.8
493	401–500	University of Portsmouth	38.8–42.3	39.0	17.8	16.2	71	87.7	34.9
509	501–600	Keele University	35.3–38.7	38.5	20.3	22.4	64.1	73.8	35.5
516	501–600	University of Plymouth	35.3–38.7	38.3	20.3	19.3	67.5	70.3	35
523	501–600	Aston University	35.3–38.7	37.9	21	24.2	55.1	92.4	37.1
526	501–600	University of the West of Scotland	35.3–38.7	37.9	13.9	13.9	76.8	74.6	35
544	501–600	University of Hull	35.3–38.7	37.1	22.3	23	56.1	76.5	36.3
597	501–600	The Open University	35.3–38.7	35.4	18.2	16.1	66.5	57	34.8
618	601–800	University of Lincoln	28.3–35.2	34.7	16.5	14.1	64.3	71.2	35.3
643	601–800	Oxford Brookes University	28.3–35.2	33.7	28.5	24	37.4	78.4	34.6
660	601–800	Nottingham Trent University	28.3–35.2	33.1	17.7	12.9	59.5	69	34.9
670	601–800	Manchester Metropolitan University	28.3–35.2	32.7	20.1	14.2	55.4	65.3	34.8
672	601–800	University of Huddersfield	28.3–35.2	32.6	22.8	20	44.8	72	36.6
722	601–800	De Montfort University	28.3–35.2	30.9	16.9	13.8	50.4	75.6	34.6
728	601–800	Glasgow Caledonian University	28.3–35.2	30.7	15.7	12.2	56.2	61.1	35.2
732	601–800	Ulster University	28.3–35.2	30.5	21	18	40.9	75.7	35.6
746	601–800	University of the West of England	28.3–35.2	29.9	17.1	15.2	48.4	64.3	34.9
749	601–800	Coventry University	28.3–35.2	29.8	17.4	12.7	44.1	89.3	34.7
773	601–800	University of Greenwich	28.3–35.2	29.1	17.1	15.2	39.5	89.4	35.4
776	601–800	University of Brighton	28.3–35.2	29.0	17.1	14.2	43.4	75.6	35.1
781	601–800	University of Hertfordshire	28.3–35.2	28.9	17.5	13	42.7	80.1	35.3
787	601–800	University of Westminster	28.3–35.2	28.7	18.2	16.2	36.7	86.7	34.8
804	801–1000	Edinburgh Napier University	22.2–28.2	28.2	16.7	13.9	40.4	80	35.6
822	801–1000	University of Salford	22.2–28.2	27.8	18.7	14.8	38.7	70.1	34.8
826	801–1000	University of Bradford	22.2–28.2	27.6	19.3	16.4	33	81.2	36.9
833	801–1000	University of Roehampton	22.2–28.2	27.5	18.7	19.9	31.3	76	34.5
846	801–1000	Kingston University	22.2–28.2	27.1	17.6	15.6	33.3	84.2	34.7
848	801–1000	University of East London	22.2–28.2	27.1	20.4	14.5	32.8	78.6	34.4

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870	801–1000	Sheffield Hallam University	22.2–28.2	26.5	17.5	13.2	41.4	52.9	34.8
878	801–1000	University of Central Lancashire	22.2–28.2	26.1	15.7	12.7	39.7	64.6	34.8
881	801–1000	Cardiff Metropolitan University	22.2–28.2	25.9	16.5	10.8	41	61	34.7
882	801–1000	Teesside University	22.2–28.2	25.9	15.5	10.6	43.9	53.7	34.8
890	801–1000	Leeds Beckett University	22.2–28.2	25.6	16.6	13.9	39.5	49.8	35
893	801–1000	Staffordshire University	22.2–28.2	25.6	16.8	9.8	42.8	52.2	34.6
911	801–1000	University of Wolverhampton	22.2–28.2	25.0	15.8	13.3	35	65.3	34.5
921	801–1000	Birmingham City University	22.2–28.2	24.7	16	10.3	37.4	62.8	34.6
925	801–1000	University of Bedfordshire	22.2–28.2	24.6	16.9	13.6	29.3	77.1	34.9
978	801–1000	University of Derby	22.2–28.2	22.8	16.2	10.3	32	58.8	35.1
1014	1001+	Robert Gordon University	10.7–22.1	21.9	16.8	11.3	23.3	75	35.2
1023	1001+	University of South Wales	10.7–22.1	21.7	16.2	9.2	27.9	64	34.9
1027	1001+	Edge Hill University	10.7–22.1	21.5	14.8	10.2	33.1	42.4	34.4
1076	1001+	University of Chester	10.7–22.1	20.4	15.8	12.7	24.8	46.6	34.8
1100	1001+	London South Bank University	10.7–22.1	19.7	15.4	10.4	18.1	75.3	34.8
1148	1001+	Canterbury Christ Church University	10.7–22.1	18.4	16.4	11.3	20.1	42.4	34.4

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