

THE World University Rankings 2021

OVERALL PERFORMANCE 2020

2021 Rank 401-500

2020 Rank 401-500

In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2021, Bournemouth University continued to be ranked within the **401-500 band** out of an increased list of 1527 institutions worldwide (an additional 131 institutions since 2020).

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 2019 and February 2020. The 2020 data are combined with the results of the 2019 survey, giving more than 22,000 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 86 million citations to 13.6 million journal articles, article reviews, conference proceedings, books and book chapters published over five years. The data include over 24,000 academic journals indexed by Elsevier's Scopus database and all indexed publications between 2015 and 2019. Citations to these publications made in the six years from 2015 to 2020 are also collected.

The University of Oxford tops the rankings for the fifth consecutive year, while mainland China's Tsinghua University becomes the first Asian university to break into the top 20 under the current methodology (launched in 2011). The US claims a record eight places in the top 10, after the University of California, Berkeley climbed six places to seventh, but US universities outside the top 200 show signs of decline. There are 29 UK universities in the top 200, with 102 UK universities being ranked.

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 three of the five areas, most notably within the Citations pillar which has seen a score increase of 11.8 since 2020 resulting in an improved ranking of 438th in the table for this measure (up 122 places since 2020). The Research pillar score has increased by 2.7 leading to a 27-place climb to 641 in the table for this measure. Improvements in 4 out of the 5 measures making up the Teaching Pillar results in a further improvement in ranking to 355th (up 1 since last year, and 109 places overall since 2019). These three measures together make up 90% of the overall ranking weighting in the tables.

Industry Income (BU's worst performing area, worth just 2.5% of the overall ranking) sees a further reduction of 1.2 in the pillar score resulting in a fall of 164 places since 2020 to 1372nd. BU's best performing area remains International Outlook (worth 7.5% of the ranking weighting) ranking 197th in the tables, with a fall of 13 places since 2020 despite maintaining the same overall pillar score.

Pillar Data (Weighting)	2021		2020		Metric (Weighting)	2021		2020	
	Pillar Score	Pillar Rank	Pillar Score	Pillar Rank		Value	Score	Value	Score
Teaching (30%)	33.5	355	33.2	356	Teaching reputation (15%)	12.6	4.6	10	4.4
					Doctorate awarded to academic staff (6%)	0.10	100	0.11	100
					Students to academic staff (4.5%)	17	42.2	17.1	42.1
					Doctorate to bachelor awarded (2.25%)	0.02	32.8	0.03	31.6
					Institutional income to academic staff (2.25%)	£197,439	31.7	£193,429	31.1
Research (30%)	20.3	641	17.6	668	Research reputation (18%)	18.3	5	13.4	3.4
					Publications per staff (6%)	-	59.3	-	56.8
					Research income to academic staff (6%)	£6,240	27.3	£5,037	26.5
Citations (30%)	67.3	438	55.5	560	Citation impact (30%)	-	67.3	-	55.5
International outlook (7.5%)	79.8	197	79.8	184	Percentage of international staff (2.5%)	28.70%	88.8	28.50%	88.1
					International co-authorship (2.5%)	-	80.2	-	80.3
					Percentage of international students (2.5%)	17.80%	70.4	17.80%	70.9
Industry income (2.5%)	33.6	1372	34.8	1208	Industry income to academic staff (2.5%)	£265	33.6	£431	34.8

Performance/Rank better than previous year

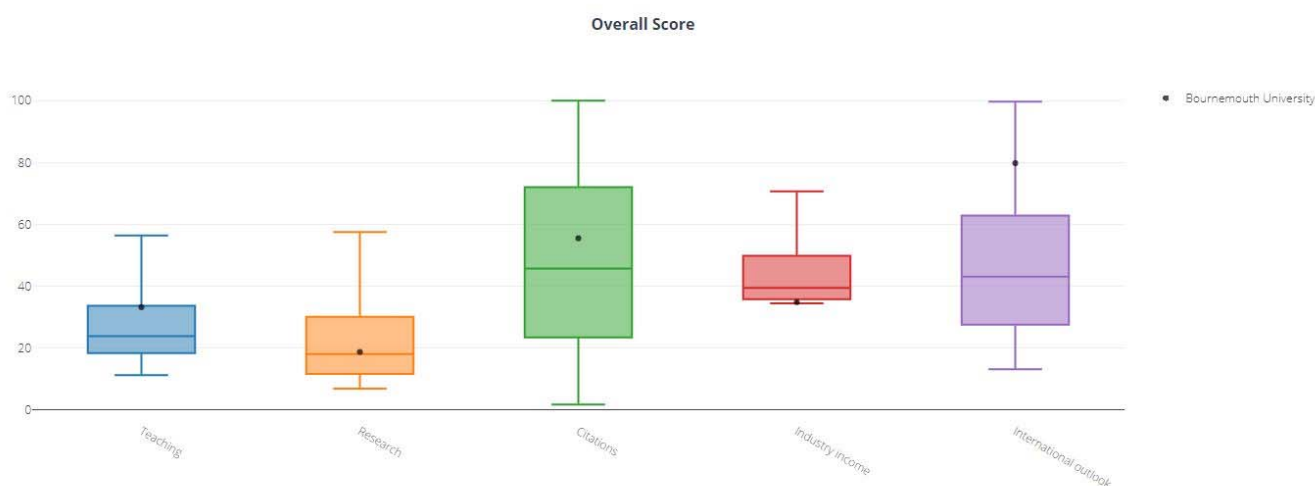
Performance/Rank same as previous year

Performance/Rank worse than previous year

Looking at the performance metrics that make up the main pillars, BU has increased its overall score in 9 out of the 13 performance metrics. Three metric scores have declined since 2020 (industry income to academic staff; down 1.2, percentage of international students; down 0.5, and international co-authorship; down 0.1).

The three metrics which hold the greatest weighting, including two reputational measures, have all shown improved performance at BU since 2020. Teaching reputation (15%) is up 2.6 resulting in an increased score of 4.6 (up 0.2); research reputation (18%) is up 4.9 resulting in an increased score of 5 (up 1.6) and finally citation impact (value not available) has an increased score of 67.3 (up 11.8)

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. Performance in the Teaching pillar has improved to upper quartile and performance is above the median in the Research and Citations pillars.



	Teaching	Research	Citations	Industry Income	International Outlook
Worldwide - Top	53.4	57.4	100.0	72.8	100.0
Worldwide - 75%	32.5	30.0	71.3	50.0	63.0
Worldwide - Median	23.5	17.5	45.1	38.5	42.3
Worldwide - 25%	18.5	11.4	23.5	34.8	27.5
Worldwide - Bottom	11.0	7.1	1.9	33.3	13.5
*Shading indicates BU performance					
BU 2021	33.5	20.3	67.3	33.6	79.8
<i>BU 2020</i>	<i>33.2</i>	<i>18.7</i>	<i>55.5</i>	<i>34.8</i>	<i>79.8</i>

3. UK PERFORMANCE 2021

Among UK universities, the official ranking places BU joint 49th out of 101, equalling last year’s performance.

The table below shows BU’s ranked performance amongst the 101 UK institutions. BU has improved its UK ranking in three pillars in 2021: teaching, up 4 places to 25th; research, up 3 places to 56th; and citations, up 12 places to 51st. The reduction in BU’s industry income has resulted in a 9 place fall to 84th out of the 101 UK providers, whilst the international outlook pillar has seen a fall of 4 places to 59th.

	Rank in UK					
	Rank	Teaching	Research	Citations	Industry Income	International Outlook
2021	49 (401-500)	25	56	51	84	63
2020	49 (401-500)	29	59	63	75	59
Movement	↔	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓

4. INDICATIVE PERFORMANCE 2021

THE have determined that the group ranked in the 401-500 section of the table achieved an overall score between 39.8 and 43.5 (this group achieved between 38.8 and 42.3 in 2020). In analysing the data used to calculate the overall ranking position it is likely that BU's score for 2020 was around 43.2, with an **indicative rank of 406th** (up from an indicative score of 39.1 with an indicative rank of 490th in 2020, a rise of 84 places).

The following data table shows performance data for all 101 UK institutions and has been re-sorted by this indicative ranking, placing BU 49th in the UK, up 8 places from 57th in 2020.

Indicative Rank	THE Official Rank 2021	Name	THE Overall	Indicative Overall	Teaching	Research	Citations	Industry Income	International Outlook
1	1	University of Oxford	95.6	95.60	91.3	99.6	98	68.7	96.4
6	6	University of Cambridge	94	94.00	90.3	99.2	95.6	52.1	95.7
11	11	Imperial College London	89.4	89.40	82.3	88.2	97.2	69.6	97.4
16	16	UCL	86.9	87.00	76.6	89.4	96.2	42.1	96.5
27	27	London School of Economics and Political Science	81.4	81.40	68.5	82.5	94.3	34.1	92.8
30	30	University of Edinburgh	79.4	79.40	67.2	74.7	96	38.7	94.6
35	35	King's College London	76.1	76.10	57.3	72.4	96.6	43.6	95.4
51	51	University of Manchester	70.9	70.90	57.1	66.5	85.6	49.2	91.7
77	77	University of Warwick	65.3	65.30	46.7	53.8	90.1	41.6	94
91	91	University of Bristol	63	63.00	40.3	48.6	95.6	39.8	88.2
92	92	University of Glasgow	62.9	62.90	40.9	48.1	94.3	39.9	92.8
107	107	University of Birmingham	61.3	61.30	40.3	45.5	92.6	40.1	90.2
110	110	Queen Mary University of London	61.1	61.10	34.9	43.6	97.4	41.5	96.8
121	121	University of Sheffield	60	60.00	45	47.4	81.8	46.5	87.7
127	127	University of Southampton	59.4	59.40	39.4	42.5	89	41.2	94.5
133	133	University of York	58.8	58.80	39	44.8	87.9	35.2	86
136	136	Lancaster University	58.4	58.40	36.8	40.5	90.9	35.2	94.6
149	149	Durham University	57.6	57.60	44.8	49.7	71.2	37.3	92.7
158	158	University of Nottingham	56.9	56.90	42	42.4	80	38.7	87.8
160	160	University of Leeds	56.8	56.80	43.2	46.2	74.7	38.5	88.5
160	160	University of Sussex	56.8	56.90	32.7	38.1	92.3	35.1	93.9
163	163	University of Liverpool	56.7	56.70	35.2	38.1	89.5	37.9	92.6
170	170	University of Leicester	56	56.00	30.9	33.6	96.2	37.6	90.7
174	174	University of Exeter	55.9	55.90	32.4	38.3	89.9	35.8	91.5
178	178	University of Aberdeen	55.7	55.70	29.5	34.2	94.4	45.1	95.6
178	178	Newcastle University	55.7	55.70	31.4	38.2	90.6	40.1	88
191	191	Cardiff University	54.7	54.60	32.4	35.6	89.4	36.7	86.8
200	200	University of East Anglia	54.3	54.30	27.8	31.4	97.1	34.5	87.9
200	200	Queen's University Belfast	54.3	54.30	31.5	38.1	84	38.4	96.7
225	201–250	University of Dundee	50.6–54.2	51.60	23.9	32.1	91.5	49.3	80.9
234	201–250	St George's, University of London	50.6–54.2	51.30	22.5	26.9	99.3	36.4	76.6
236	201–250	University of Reading	50.6–54.2	51.20	34.3	35.5	74.7	38.2	91.9
240	201–250	University of St Andrews	50.6–54.2	50.90	43.3	44	55.6	36.7	95.4
248	201–250	University of Bath	50.6–54.2	50.60	30	32.2	80.5	36.5	91.8
261	251–300	University of Surrey	48.0–50.5	50.00	30.8	34.5	74	43.1	94.5
288	251–300	Brighton and Sussex Medical School	48.0–50.5	48.50	18.9	20.3	100	33.4	78.7
288	251–300	Swansea University	48.0–50.5	48.50	20.7	21.6	95.7	36	83.3
300	301–350	University of Essex	45.6–47.9	47.90	30.8	34.8	67.2	34.4	96.5
309	301–350	Anglia Ruskin University ARU	45.6–47.9	47.40	17.8	15.4	100	34.1	87.6
328	301–350	University of Kent	45.6–47.9	46.70	26.4	30	73.7	33.8	91.1
332	301–350	Royal Holloway, University of London	45.6–47.9	46.40	32.3	31.4	65.1	35.7	91.9
339	301–350	University of Stirling	45.6–47.9	46.10	23.4	26.5	80	34.2	83.4
351	351–400	City, University of London	43.6–45.5	45.50	27	28.1	69.8	34.4	95.1
359	351–400	Loughborough University	43.6–45.5	45.10	33.5	35.4	57.6	37.7	83.3
368	351–400	Brunel University London	43.6–45.5	44.70	28.7	26.2	67.1	36	96
376	351–400	Heriot-Watt University	43.6–45.5	44.30	28.8	25	66.8	44.4	94
378	351–400	Birkbeck, University of London	43.6–45.5	44.20	28.7	33.2	60.8	33.5	87.7
390	351–400	Northumbria University	43.6–45.5	43.80	19.6	17.8	87.3	34	74.3
406	401–500	Bournemouth University	39.8–43.5	43.20	33.5	20.3	67.3	33.6	79.8

434	401-500	Aston University	39.8-43.5	41.80	21.5	25.6	66.2	36.1	92.4
453	401-500	University of Strathclyde	39.8-43.5	41.40	27.6	31.8	53.1	47	86.8
464	401-500	Liverpool John Moores University	39.8-43.5	41.20	19.2	18	78.9	33.8	73.4
464	401-500	Middlesex University	39.8-43.5	41.20	19.7	18.3	74.2	33.6	89.2
468	401-500	Royal Veterinary College	39.8-43.5	41.10	25.7	17.4	67.8	43.9	89.1
474	401-500	Goldsmiths, University of London	39.8-43.5	40.70	26.2	27	59.5	33.3	81
477	401-500	Bangor University	39.8-43.5	40.50	22.4	24	65.3	34.2	82.3
477	401-500	University of the West of England	39.8-43.5	40.50	17	14.5	83.9	33.7	67.1
492	401-500	University of Plymouth	39.8-43.5	40.10	21	20.1	71.7	33.9	71.6
497	401-500	SRUC (Scotland's Rural College)	39.8-43.5	39.90	20.7	17.5	77.4	43.1	55.3
500	401-500	Aberystwyth University	39.8-43.5	39.80	23.8	23.8	62	38.6	79
516	501-600	University of Portsmouth	36.4-39.7	39.30	18.8	16.7	70.4	33.9	88.6
523	501-600	SOAS University of London	36.4-39.7	39.10	41.6	39	27	33.4	79.9
530	501-600	University of the West of Scotland	36.4-39.7	38.90	17.1	14.3	76	33.5	77.6
535	501-600	University of Hull	36.4-39.7	38.50	23.7	23.5	59	35.1	76.2
539	501-600	Keele University	36.4-39.7	38.40	21	24.1	61.9	34	72.8
577	501-600	University of Lincoln	36.4-39.7	37.20	17.1	14.6	71.5	34	71.7
617	601-800	Oxford Brookes University	30.2-36.3	35.90	25.7	22.5	49	33.8	79.2
623	601-800	University of Huddersfield	30.2-36.3	35.70	24.4	22.6	49.9	35.4	77.1
667	601-800	The Open University	30.2-36.3	34.20	17.5	16.2	63.1	33.8	57.7
673	601-800	Nottingham Trent University	30.2-36.3	33.90	18.9	12.7	59.9	33.9	74.3
686	601-800	Edinburgh Napier University	30.2-36.3	33.50	16.6	14.8	56.7	34	82.8
688	601-800	University of Greenwich	30.2-36.3	33.40	18	16.2	51.4	34.3	91.9
695	601-800	Glasgow Caledonian University	30.2-36.3	33.20	19.1	13.1	59.7	34	64.3
721	601-800	Birmingham City University	30.2-36.3	32.60	16.9	10.6	62.4	33.7	63.9
721	601-800	Manchester Metropolitan University	30.2-36.3	32.60	19.2	14.9	54.8	33.8	67.5
731	601-800	De Montfort University	30.2-36.3	32.30	17.1	13.8	53.6	33.5	81
741	601-800	University of Bradford	30.2-36.3	31.90	20.3	17.8	45.1	36	79.9
759	601-800	Coventry University	30.2-36.3	31.40	19	12.5	47.8	33.6	89.7
784	601-800	University of Brighton	30.2-36.3	30.70	18	14.2	48.1	33.9	76.6
786	601-800	Ulster University	30.2-36.3	30.60	20.2	18	41.8	33.6	76.5
828	801-1000	University of Hertfordshire	25.1-30.1	29.50	17.7	12.2	45.2	34.2	81.3
832	801-1000	University of Roehampton	25.1-30.1	29.40	19.9	19.7	36.4	33.4	76.8
847	801-1000	University of Salford	25.1-30.1	28.90	21.1	16	39	34.3	70.1
854	801-1000	Kingston University	25.1-30.1	28.60	17.4	17.7	36.1	33.6	85.3
864	801-1000	University of Westminster	25.1-30.1	28.40	17.9	16.9	36	33.8	83.9
877	801-1000	University of East London	25.1-30.1	28.00	22.1	14.8	33.5	33.4	80.3
900	801-1000	Leeds Beckett University	25.1-30.1	27.50	17.5	15	43.6	34	51.3
922	801-1000	Cardiff Metropolitan University	25.1-30.1	26.90	18.8	12.3	39.5	34.2	64.5
943	801-1000	University of Central Lancashire	25.1-30.1	26.30	17.4	13.1	37.8	33.6	65.9
943	801-1000	Teesside University	25.1-30.1	26.30	16.4	11.7	43.2	33.7	54.5
952	801-1000	Sheffield Hallam University	25.1-30.1	26.20	17	12.8	41.6	33.7	52.8
970	801-1000	University of Wolverhampton	25.1-30.1	25.80	16.2	13.2	37.4	33.5	65.2
976	801-1000	University of Bedfordshire	25.1-30.1	25.70	17.2	14.2	31.8	33.9	78.3
976	801-1000	University of Derby	25.1-30.1	25.70	16.6	10.8	39.5	34.4	63
1007	1001+	Staffordshire University	10.3-25.0	24.90	17.4	10.5	40	33.6	48.9
1022	1001+	University of South Wales	10.3-25.0	24.50	16.3	9.8	36.1	33.7	66.7
1044	1001+	London South Bank University	10.3-25.0	23.90	16.8	10.9	30	33.7	76.7
1100	1001+	Edge Hill University	10.3-25.0	22.20	15.8	11	33.5	33.4	43.4
1118	1001+	Robert Gordon University	10.3-25.0	21.80	16.6	11.3	22.8	34.3	76.8
1174	1001+	University of Chester	10.3-25.0	20.20	16.8	13.3	21.8	36.1	49.4
1203	1001+	Canterbury Christ Church University	10.3-25.0	19.60	17.5	12	22.3	33.4	43.1

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