

All UK Universities Outside the Russell Group

Every UK university outside the 24-member Russell Group, plus the specialist institutions and private universities that award their own degrees: 136 in total. Grouped by nation and type, A to Z, with QS World University Rankings 2027 positions where QS ranks them.

Public First. Officially Verified. Profile Aligned.

136

universities and institutions

69

ranked in QS 2027

18

specialist institutions

7

private universities

How to read the QS column. QS gives individual positions to around #700. Beyond that, it publishes bands, and the figure shown is where the band starts (for example, #1001 means the 1001–1200 band). "Not ranked" means QS does not rank the institution, which is common for specialist and postgraduate-only institutions and says nothing about their quality.

NO.	UNIVERSITY	CITY	QS 2027
Universities in England 90 universities			
1	Anglia Ruskin University aru.ac.uk	Cambridge & Chelmsford	#1001
2	Arts University Bournemouth aub.ac.uk	Poole	Not ranked
3	Arts University Plymouth aup.ac.uk	Plymouth	Not ranked
4	Aston University aston.ac.uk	Birmingham	#416
5	University of Bath bath.ac.uk	Bath	#125
6	Bath Spa University bathspa.ac.uk	Bath	Not ranked
7	University of Bedfordshire beds.ac.uk	Luton	Not ranked
8	Birkbeck, University of London bbk.ac.uk	London	#354
9	Birmingham City University bcu.ac.uk	Birmingham	#1001
10	Bishop Grosseteste University bishopg.ac.uk	Lincoln	Not ranked
11	Bournemouth University bournemouth.ac.uk	Poole	#801
12	University of Bradford bradford.ac.uk	Bradford	#497
13	University of Brighton brighton.ac.uk	Brighton	#901
14	Brunel University of London brunel.ac.uk	London	#353
15	Buckinghamshire New University bucks.ac.uk	High Wycombe	Not ranked
16	Canterbury Christ Church University canterbury.ac.uk	Canterbury	#1401
17	University of Chester chester.ac.uk	Chester	Not ranked
18	University of Chichester chi.ac.uk	Chichester	Not ranked
19	City St George's, University of London citystgeorges.ac.uk	London	#361
20	Coventry University coventry.ac.uk	Coventry	#581
21	University of Cumbria cumbria.ac.uk	Carlisle & Lancaster	Not ranked

NO.	UNIVERSITY	CITY	QS 2027
22	De Montfort University dmu.ac.uk	Leicester	#851
23	University of Derby derby.ac.uk	Derby	#1201
24	University of East Anglia (UEA) uea.ac.uk	Norwich	#381
25	University of East London uel.ac.uk	London	#1001
26	Edge Hill University edgehill.ac.uk	Ormskirk	Not ranked
27	University of Essex essex.ac.uk	Colchester	#438
28	Falmouth University falmouth.ac.uk	Falmouth	Not ranked
29	University of Gloucestershire glos.ac.uk	Cheltenham	Not ranked
30	Goldsmiths, University of London gold.ac.uk	London	#701
31	University of Greater Manchester (formerly Bolton) bolton.ac.uk	Bolton	Not ranked
32	University of Greenwich gre.ac.uk	London	#791
33	Harper Adams University harper-adams.ac.uk	Newport, Shropshire	Not ranked
34	Hartpury University hartpury.ac.uk	Gloucester	Not ranked
35	University of Hertfordshire herts.ac.uk	Hatfield	#851
36	University of Huddersfield hud.ac.uk	Huddersfield	#521
37	University of Hull hull.ac.uk	Hull	#575
38	Keele University keele.ac.uk	Keele	#801
39	University of Kent kent.ac.uk	Canterbury	#415
40	Kingston University kingston.ac.uk	London	#686
41	University of Lancashire (formerly UCLan) uclan.ac.uk	Preston	#1001
42	Lancaster University lancaster.ac.uk	Lancaster	#164
43	Leeds Arts University leeds-art.ac.uk	Leeds	Not ranked
44	Leeds Beckett University leedsbeckett.ac.uk	Leeds	#1001
45	Leeds Trinity University leedstrinity.ac.uk	Leeds	Not ranked
46	University of Leicester le.ac.uk	Leicester	#314
47	University of Lincoln lincoln.ac.uk	Lincoln	#851
48	Liverpool Hope University hope.ac.uk	Liverpool	Not ranked
49	Liverpool John Moores University ljmu.ac.uk	Liverpool	#851
50	London Metropolitan University londonmet.ac.uk	London	#1001
51	London South Bank University lsbu.ac.uk	London	#901

NO.	UNIVERSITY	CITY	QS 2027
52	Loughborough University lboro.ac.uk	Loughborough	#203
53	Manchester Metropolitan University mmu.ac.uk	Manchester	#600
54	Middlesex University mdx.ac.uk	London	#901
55	Newman University newman.ac.uk	Birmingham	Not ranked
56	University of Northampton northampton.ac.uk	Northampton	#1201
57	Northumbria University northumbria.ac.uk	Newcastle	#528
58	Norwich University of the Arts nua.ac.uk	Norwich	Not ranked
59	Nottingham Trent University ntu.ac.uk	Nottingham	#639
60	The Open University open.ac.uk	Milton Keynes (distance learning)	Not ranked
61	Oxford Brookes University brookes.ac.uk	Oxford	#411
62	University of Plymouth plymouth.ac.uk	Plymouth	#691
63	Plymouth Marjon University marjon.ac.uk	Plymouth	Not ranked
64	University of Portsmouth port.ac.uk	Portsmouth	#662
65	Ravensbourne University London ravensbourne.ac.uk	London	Not ranked
66	University of Reading reading.ac.uk	Reading	#196
67	University of Roehampton roehampton.ac.uk	London	#1001
68	Royal Agricultural University rau.ac.uk	Cirencester	Not ranked
69	Royal Holloway, University of London royalholloway.ac.uk	Egham	#485
70	SOAS University of London soas.ac.uk	London	#458
71	University of Salford salford.ac.uk	Salford	#1001
72	Sheffield Hallam University shu.ac.uk	Sheffield	#1001
73	Solent University solent.ac.uk	Southampton	Not ranked
74	St Mary's University, Twickenham stmarys.ac.uk	London	Not ranked
75	University of Staffordshire staffs.ac.uk	Stoke-on-Trent	Not ranked
76	University of Suffolk uos.ac.uk	Ipswich	Not ranked
77	University of Sunderland sunderland.ac.uk	Sunderland	Not ranked
78	University of Surrey surrey.ac.uk	Guildford	#246
79	University of Sussex sussex.ac.uk	Brighton	#273
80	Teesside University tees.ac.uk	Middlesbrough	Not ranked
81	University College Birmingham ucb.ac.uk	Birmingham	Not ranked

NO.	UNIVERSITY	CITY	QS 2027
82	University for the Creative Arts uca.ac.uk	Farnham & Canterbury	Not ranked
83	University of West London uwl.ac.uk	London	Not ranked
84	University of Westminster westminster.ac.uk	London	#851
85	University of Winchester winchester.ac.uk	Winchester	Not ranked
86	University of Wolverhampton wlv.ac.uk	Wolverhampton	#1001
87	University of Worcester worcester.ac.uk	Worcester	Not ranked
88	York St John University yorks.j.ac.uk	York	Not ranked
89	University of the Arts London arts.ac.uk	London	#851
90	University of the West of England (UWE Bristol) uwe.ac.uk	Bristol	#761
Universities in Scotland 13 universities			
91	University of Aberdeen abdn.ac.uk	Aberdeen	#288
92	Abertay University abertay.ac.uk	Dundee	Not ranked
93	University of Dundee dundee.ac.uk	Dundee	#447
94	Edinburgh Napier University napier.ac.uk	Edinburgh	#801
95	Glasgow Caledonian University gcu.ac.uk	Glasgow	#1001
96	Heriot-Watt University hw.ac.uk	Edinburgh	#325
97	Queen Margaret University qmu.ac.uk	Musselburgh, Edinburgh	#1201
98	Robert Gordon University rgu.ac.uk	Aberdeen	#1001
99	University of St Andrews st-andrews.ac.uk	St Andrews	#115
100	University of Stirling stir.ac.uk	Stirling	#560
101	University of Strathclyde strath.ac.uk	Glasgow	#230
102	University of the Highlands and Islands uhi.ac.uk	Inverness	Not ranked
103	University of the West of Scotland uws.ac.uk	Paisley	Not ranked
Universities in Wales 7 universities			
104	Aberystwyth University aber.ac.uk	Aberystwyth	#801
105	Bangor University bangor.ac.uk	Bangor	#567
106	Cardiff Metropolitan University cardiffmet.ac.uk	Cardiff	Not ranked
107	University of South Wales southwales.ac.uk	Pontypridd & Cardiff	#1201
108	Swansea University swansea.ac.uk	Swansea	#322
109	University of Wales Trinity Saint David uwtsd.ac.uk	Carmarthen & Swansea	Not ranked
110	Wrexham University wrexham.ac.uk	Wrexham	Not ranked

NO.	UNIVERSITY	CITY	QS 2027
Universities in Northern Ireland Queen's University Belfast is on the Russell Group list			
111	Ulster University ulster.ac.uk	Belfast	#595
Specialist Institutions 18 institutions · art, music, drama, medicine, veterinary science, business			
112	Courtauld Institute of Art courtauld.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
113	Cranfield University (postgraduate only) cranfield.ac.uk	Cranfield, England	Not ranked
114	Glasgow School of Art gsa.ac.uk	Glasgow, Scotland	Not ranked
115	Guildhall School of Music & Drama gsmd.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
116	Institute of Cancer Research (postgraduate only) icr.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
117	Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) lipa.ac.uk	Liverpool, England	Not ranked
118	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (postgraduate only) lstmed.ac.uk	Liverpool, England	Not ranked
119	London Business School (postgraduate only) london.edu	London, England	Not ranked
120	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (postgraduate only) lshtm.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
121	Royal Academy of Music ram.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
122	Royal Central School of Speech and Drama cssd.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
123	Royal College of Art (postgraduate only) rca.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
124	Royal College of Music rcm.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
125	Royal Conservatoire of Scotland rcs.ac.uk	Glasgow, Scotland	Not ranked
126	Royal Northern College of Music rncm.ac.uk	Manchester, England	Not ranked
127	Royal Veterinary College rvc.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
128	Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) sruc.ac.uk	Edinburgh, Scotland	Not ranked
129	Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance trinitylaban.ac.uk	London, England	Not ranked
Private Universities 7 universities · not publicly funded			
130	Arden University arden.ac.uk	Coventry (with study centers)	Not ranked
131	BPP University bpp.com	London and other cities	Not ranked
132	University of Buckingham buckingham.ac.uk	Buckingham	Not ranked
133	University of Law law.ac.uk	London and other cities	Not ranked
134	Northeastern University London nulondon.ac.uk	London	Not ranked
135	Regent's University London regents.ac.uk	London	Not ranked
136	Richmond American University London richmond.ac.uk	London	Not ranked

Check it is officially recognized before you pay. Look the university up on GOV.UK's list of recognized degree-awarding bodies and on the Home Office register of licensed Student sponsors. Only a licensed sponsor issues the CAS your Student visa needs.

Mergers to know about. The University of Kent and the University of Greenwich joined the London and South East University Group in 2026; both still award degrees in their own names. Cranfield University has announced plans to join King's College London by 2027.

Renamed universities. The University of Lancashire was formerly the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), and the University of Greater Manchester was formerly the University of Bolton.

This list covers institutions that award their own degrees. Many colleges teach a degree awarded by one of these universities. Always ask whose name goes on your certificate.