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Andreas Schleicher, Director Education and Skills and Special Advisor on Education Policy at the OECD, “With a first-of-its-kind multi-dimensional approach to comparing institutional performance, U-Multirank is now putting students and the public into the driver’s seat of determining which universities are doing well on what and why.”

The basic principles: multi-dimensional (without composite scores), user driven, multi-level (incl. field-based rankings)

Professor Sir Howard Newby, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Liverpool, UK, “U-Multirank provides an elegant solution to a problem which undermines conventional rankings. It does not seek to weight different activities of a university but allows users to devise their own ranking according to what they believe is important.”
U-Multirank: Measuring what counts!

According to a survey among EUA member universities U-Multirank covers exactly those indicators which are relevant for their strategic planning/institutional monitoring.

12 out of 15 most important items covered by U-Multirank

Least important items not covered by U-Multirank, in particular reputation.
The web tool
The web tool offers four access points for different needs.
The user decides about the criteria to be applied.
Resulting first in a default table comparing those 21 universities

Which then can be personalised by changing indicators.
Resulting in a personalised ranking
The tables invite you to make various choices

- Allows users to select/change performance measures
- Allows users to change the performance scores from symbols to letters
- Allows users to see the whole results table in a printable/downloadable PDF version
- Allows users to minimise the results list to their starred favourites
- Allows users to sort HEIs in alphabetical order, by top scores or specific performance measures
The web tool allows you to see specific details.
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Universities are included with publicly available data.

Of the 1,200 universities, 670 have provided comprehensive data.

670 faculties/departments are included in the 7 field-based rankings: psychology, medicine and computer science, as well as physics, electrical and mechanical engineering, and business studies.

1,800 study programmes within these faculties are included.

7,500 students completed the student satisfaction survey.

85,000 countries have universities in U-Multirank.

Alex Usher, President of Higher Education Strategy Associates (HESA), Canada

“U-Multirank is the most global, most diverse and least reductive ranking ever.”
U-Multirank shows a wide distribution of “A” scores

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No univ. has “across the board” “A” scores

Many univs. have specific strengths

Very few univs. with no “A” scores

Nearly 150 univs. have a wide range (10 or more) of “A” scores

Of the nearly 150 universities with 10 or more “A” scores, more than 40 do not appear in the other 3 global rankings (ARWU, QS and THE)

Tom Boland, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Authority, Ireland, “U-Multirank demonstrates very well that different universities have different kinds of strengths.”
The difference in university profiles becomes visible

There is no objective decision which university is better!!
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