Oxford University Tops Global University Rankings 2020 For Fourth Year Running

University of Oxford has been crowned the best-performing university for the fourth consecutive year, according to the [Times Higher Education World University Ranking 2020.](#)

The annual global ranking report revealed that the California Institute of Technology rose to second spot, followed by the University of Cambridge, Standford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology taking third, fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Despite the intense competition from 1,300 universities in 92 countries, US universities continue to perform strongly in the rankings, with seven educational establishments dominating the top 10 places and 60 in the top 200.

In the UK, 28 universities were ranked in the top 200, with two-thirds of them seeming to have slipped one place.

Germany-based universities were revealed to be among the biggest risers while educational institutions in China and Japan are still performing strongly as seen in this year's league table.

As for universities in the UAE, the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain has been named the top university and listed in the 301-350 bracket, improving from its 351-400 position last year. Khalifa University, the former number one, is now ranked as the second-best university in the UAE.

Both universities continue to lead the way as the top universities in the country. For the first time, both have been ranked among Asia's top 50, according to [The Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2019](#).

While the American University of Sharjah still ranked in the same position as last year, it showed big improvements as it shot from 801-1000 last year to 601-800.

According to the 2020 ranking, the top universities in MENA were:

1. King Abdulaziz University - Saudi Arabia
2. Alfaisal University - Saudi Arabia
3. United Arab Emirates University - UAE
4. American University of Beirut - Lebanon
5. Babol Noshirvani University of Technology - Iran
6. Jordan University of Science and Technology - Jordan
7. Khalifa University - UAE
8. Aswan University - Egypt

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