

International student table 2017: top 200 universities

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Explore the universities with the highest percentage of international students based on data collected by Times Higher Education

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The higher education world is getting smaller as more and more students are choosing to study abroad. Students are looking to universities to provide an international experience, the opportunity to study alongside students from all over the world, and to give them a truly global higher education community in which to study.

As part of the data collected for the [World University Rankings](#), *Times Higher Education* asks all institutions to provide figures on the percentage of international students they have. *THE* has extracted these data and compiled a list of the top 200 universities.

Three of the universities featured in the top five were founded in the past 30 years – perhaps suggesting that younger universities are more appealing to international students.

Sixteen universities from London feature in the top 200, making it one of the most represented cities in the ranking. In fact, the UK as a whole was the most represented country with 72 universities present in the top 200 in total,

compared with 27 from the US and 22 in Australia.

The top five universities with the highest percentage of international students 2017

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1. [American University of Sharjah](#), United Arab Emirates

The [American University of Sharjah](#) is a relatively small university with just over 5,000 students, and 84 per cent of this student body is made up of international students. Some 99 countries are represented on campus, and some of the main home countries of these students are the UAE, Egypt, Jordan and India.

According to Linda C. Angell, director of international exchange programmes at AUS, the institution welcomes 25 to 50 study abroad students every year and “these students consistently report they have had an excellent experience here”.

Dr Angell believes that the university has a high proportion of international students because of its central location in the world, making international travel easy, and its proximity to cosmopolitan Dubai and culturally rich Sharjah.

English is the main teaching language and the university offers 26 majors and 45 minors at undergraduate level, and 13 master's degree programmes.

The university is part of the Association of [American International Colleges](#) and Universities, an organisation which delivers higher education based on the American liberal arts model outside the US.

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2. [Central European University](#), Hungary

[Central European University](#) is an English-language university based in Budapest, Hungary. CEU students come to the university from over 100 countries across five continents.

The university is accredited in both the United States and Hungary and offers courses in the social sciences, the humanities, law, management and public policy. It has a female-to-male student ratio of 51:49.

CEU alumni are just as far-reaching internationally as the student body, with some 13,887 alumni spanning 133 countries.

The university hosts a number of festivals that reflect the diverse student population, such as the Intercultural Festival, the Spring Ball and the annual community picnic.

3. [London School of Economics and Political Science](#), London

LSE is a world-renowned hub for international students, with students enrolling from more than 140 countries. It has international partnerships with [Columbia University](#) in New York, Sciences Po in Paris, Peking University in Beijing, the [National University of Singapore](#) and the [University of Cape Town](#).

LSE has ranked in the top 30 universities in the world for the past five years and is highly regarded globally as a social science university specialising in a wide range of disciplines, including economics, politics, sociology, law and anthropology.

Alumni from LSE comprise more than 136,000 people from almost 200 countries, and include 16 Nobel prizewinners and 37 past or present world leaders.

Canadian student Matt Campbell [said that he has made friends](#) with students from dozens of other countries. “Having such an international peer group at the LSE has been a great advantage (not to mention great fun). Perhaps what unites us most is the great British tradition of getting together with colleagues at the end of the week for pints at the pub,” he said.

LSE students speak to *THE* about studying in London

4. [Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland](#)

The [Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland](#) is the oldest university in the top five, having been established in 1784.

The university provides a comprehensive education within medicine, pharmacy and physiotherapy. The university is a relatively small one with just over 2,000 students enrolled, and about 62 per cent of the students are classed as international students. At the Dublin campus the students come from approximately 70 different countries.

The college provides both undergraduate courses as well as postgraduate education and professional training. The university also has a well-renowned research institute.

The university strengthens its international ties by encouraging the students to take part in volunteer activities in developing countries and by developing a strong presence in Malaysia, Bahrain and Dubai with plans to develop even further internationally.

In 1886, the university was the first to have a female medical graduate.

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5. [University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg](#)

The [University of Luxembourg](#) aims to provide a multilingual learning experience, with many of the degree programmes delivered in either English and French or German and French. Master’s degrees are taught entirely in English. This reflects the high percentage of international students, with 55 per cent of the students attending from Europe and beyond.

A semester abroad is compulsory for all undergraduate students and there are many exchange opportunities also available for master’s and PhD students. Joint supervision of theses may also be possible in collaboration with a university abroad.

Heidi Flinkman, a Finnish student studying at the [University of Luxembourg](#), initially went to the institution as an exchange student, but enjoyed it so much that she decided to stay and complete her degree there. “As the university is highly international there are students and staff from many different countries and linguistic backgrounds, so it is easy to feel at home,” she said.

[My experience as an international student at the University of Luxembourg](#)

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The top 200 universities for international students 2017

Ranking	University	Country/region	Percentage of international students
1	American University of Sharjah	United Arab Emirates	83.7%
2	Central European University	Hungary	77.4%
3	London School of Economics and Political Science	UK	70.0%
4	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	Ireland	62.3%
5	University of Luxembourg	Luxembourg	54.8%
6	Soas, University of London	UK	54.3%
7	École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	Switzerland	54.2%
8	Imperial College London	UK	52.2%
9	City, University of London	UK	49.2%
10	University College London	UK	46.9%
11	Maastricht University	Netherlands	46.8%
12	University of St Andrews	UK	46.4%
13	University of Westminster	UK	44.7%
14	Murdoch University	Australia	44.5%
=15	University of Essex	UK	44.3%
=15	Middlesex University	UK	44.3%
17	École des Ponts ParisTech	France	43.8%
18	Qatar University	Qatar	42.6%
19	Heriot-Watt University	UK	42.0%
20	Queen Mary University of London	UK	41.5%
21	Coventry University	UK	40.6%
22	University of Geneva	Switzerland	39.8%
23	Auckland University of Technology	New Zealand	38.9%
24	Brunel University London	UK	38.7%

25	University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	38.6%
26	University of Innsbruck	Austria	38.2%
27	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong	38.1%
=28	Birkbeck, University of London	UK	37.9%
=28	King's College London	UK	37.9%
=28	Royal Holloway, University of London	UK	37.9%
=31	Carnegie Mellon University	US	37.8%
=31	University of Surrey	UK	37.8%
=31	University of Warwick	UK	37.8%
34	Goldsmiths, University of London	UK	37.5%
35	ETH Zurich – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich	Switzerland	37.3%
36	University of Edinburgh	UK	37.2%
37	University of Melbourne	Australia	36.8%
=38	Curtin University	Australia	36.1%
=38	London Metropolitan University	UK	36.1%
40	University of Manchester	UK	35.8%
41	University of Leicester	UK	35.7%
42	Bond University	Australia	35.4%
43	Kingston University	UK	35.3%
=44	Australian National University	Australia	35.2%
=44	Lancaster University	UK	35.2%
46	University of Technology Sydney	Australia	35.1%
47	University of Oxford	UK	35.0%
48	University of Sussex	UK	34.8%
49	University of Cambridge	UK	34.6%
=50	Eastern Mediterranean University	Cyprus	34.4%
=50	Stevens Institute of Technology	US	34.4%
=50	University of St Gallen	Switzerland	34.4%
53	Peoples' Friendship University of Russia	Russia	34.0%
=54	University of Liverpool	UK	33.7%

=54	London South Bank University	UK	33.7%
56	University of Greenwich	UK	33.6%
57	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	US	33.5%
58	University of Bedfordshire	UK	33.4%
59	University of East London	UK	33.2%
60	University of Sheffield	UK	33.1%
61	University of South Australia	Australia	33.0%
62	University of Macau	Macau	32.9%
63	Alfaisal University	Saudi Arabia	32.7%
=64	University of Aberdeen	UK	32.3%
=64	University of Glasgow	UK	32.3%
=64	National University of Singapore	Singapore	32.3%
=64	University of New South Wales	Australia	32.3%
=64	Queen's University Belfast	UK	32.3%
69	CentraleSupélec	France	32.1%
70	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	Singapore	32.0%
71	Université Libre de Bruxelles	Belgium	31.7%
72	Aston University	UK	31.6%
73	Edinburgh Napier University	UK	31.3%
74	École Polytechnique	France	30.8%
75	University of Southampton	UK	30.7%
76	University of Bath	UK	30.4%
77	Columbia University	US	30.1%
78	Florida Institute of Technology	US	30.0%
79	National Institute of Applied Sciences of Lyon (INSA Lyon)	France	29.8%
80	City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	29.5%
81	University of Reading	UK	29.3%
82	University of Bradford	UK	29.2%
83	Simon Fraser University	Canada	29.1%
84	University of Auckland	New Zealand	29.0%

85	University of Kent	UK	28.9%
=86	Hong Kong Baptist University	Hong Kong	28.7%
=86	University of Sydney	Australia	28.7%
88	University of British Columbia	Canada	28.6%
=89	Massey University	New Zealand	28.5%
=89	Newcastle University	UK	28.5%
91	Northeastern University	US	28.4%
92	University of Canberra	Australia	28.3%
93	University of Rochester	US	28.2%
94	University of East Anglia	UK	28.1%
95	Central Queensland University	Australia	28.0%
96	University of Nottingham	UK	27.8%
97	University of Twente	Netherlands	27.6%
=98	University of Hertfordshire	UK	27.5%
=98	United Arab Emirates University	United Arab Emirates	27.5%
=98	Universiti Teknologi Petronas	Malaysia	27.5%
=101	Oxford Brookes University	UK	27.4%
=101	Rice University	US	27.4%
103	University of Exeter	UK	27.2%
=104	University of Adelaide	Australia	27.1%
=104	Concordia University	Canada	27.1%
=106	Swinburne University of Technology	Australia	26.9%
=106	Vienna University of Technology	Austria	26.9%
108	University of Western Australia	Australia	26.8%
109	California Institute of Technology	US	26.6%
110	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong	26.5%
111	University of York	UK	26.4%
112	Durham University	UK	26.3%
=113	University of Huddersfield	UK	26.2%
=113	University of Tulsa	US	26.2%

115	Mines ParisTech	France	26.1%
116	Georgia Institute of Technology	US	26.0%
117	University of Waikato	New Zealand	25.9%
118	Jinan University	China	25.8%
119	RMIT University	Australia	25.6%
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=121	Clark University	US	25.4%
=121	University College Dublin	Ireland	25.4%
=121	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong	25.4%
=121	Monash University	Australia	25.4%
127	La Trobe University	Australia	25.3%
=128	University of Queensland	Australia	25.2%
=128	Semmelweis University	Hungary	25.2%
=128	V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University	Ukraine	25.2%
=131	Charles Darwin University	Australia	25.1%
=131	New York University	US	25.1%
=133	Cardiff University	UK	25.0%
=133	Delft University of Technology	Netherlands	25.0%
=133	Trinity College Dublin	Ireland	25.0%
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=136	Harvard University	US	24.8%
=136	University of Portsmouth	UK	24.8%
139	University of Texas at Dallas	US	24.6%
140	Dublin Institute of Technology	Ireland	24.5%
141	McGill University	Canada	24.3%
142	University of Montreal	Canada	24.2%
143	University of Alberta	Canada	24.1%
=144	University of Dundee	UK	24.0%

=144	Johns Hopkins University	US	24.0%
146	Stony Brook University	US	23.9%
147	University of Lausanne	Switzerland	23.8%
=148	University of Chicago	US	23.7%
=148	Macquarie University	Australia	23.7%
=148	University of Wollongong	Australia	23.7%
151	University of Basel	Switzerland	23.6%
152	National Taiwan Normal University	Taiwan	23.4%
=153	De Montfort University	UK	23.3%
=153	University of Roehampton	UK	23.3%
155	American University of Beirut	Lebanon	23.2%
156	Princeton University	US	23.1%
157	Karolinska Institute	Sweden	23.0%
=158	École Centrale de Lyon	France	22.9%
=158	University of Liège	Belgium	22.9%
160	Lincoln University	New Zealand	22.8%
=161	Robert Gordon University	UK	22.7%
=161	Wageningen University and Research Center	Netherlands	22.7%
=163	Brandeis University	US	22.6%
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165	Purdue University	US	22.4%
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=167	Stanford University	US	22.1%
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170	Loughborough University	UK	22.0%
171	Victoria University	Australia	21.9%
=172	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	US	21.8%
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=172	University of Leeds	UK	21.8%

=175	Keele University	UK	21.7%
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=177	Chung-Ang University	South Korea	21.6%
=177	University of Salford	UK	21.6%
179	King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals	Saudi Arabia	21.4%
=180	Bangor University	UK	21.3%
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=182	Copenhagen Business School	Denmark	21.2%
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=182	Swansea University	UK	21.2%
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=186	Victoria University of Wellington	New Zealand	20.8%
=188	Free University of Berlin	Germany	20.7%
=188	King Abdulaziz University	Saudi Arabia	20.7%
=188	Yale University	US	20.7%
=191	University of Brighton	UK	20.6%
=191	Lomonosov Moscow State University	Russia	20.6%
=191	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Belgium	20.6%
194	Tomsk Polytechnic University	Russia	20.4%
195	University of Otago	New Zealand	20.3%
=196	University of Hull	UK	20.2%
=196	Jordan University of Science and Technology	Jordan	20.2%
=196	Yonsei University	South Korea	20.2%
199	University of Stirling	UK	20.1%
200	Lappeenranta University of Technology	Finland	20.0%

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