Hong Kong universities shine in New QS World University Rankings by Subject

London, 29th April 2015: The fifth edition of the [QS World University Rankings by Subject](#) published today on [TopUniversities.com,](#) features a record-breaking 36 disciplines making it the largest ever ranking of its kind.

The expert opinion of **85,062 academics** and **41,910 employers** informed the results, alongside the analysis of **17.3m** research papers and **100m** citations (Scopus/Elsevier bibliometric database).

Hong Kong universities display increased international competitiveness with a strong presence across the subjects.

Institution	No of Subjects in which it ranks
University of Hong Kong (HKU)	33
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	28
City University of Hong Kong	23
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	21
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	18
Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU)	9
Lingnan University (Hong Kong)	2
The Hong Kong Institute of Education	2

They also cumulatively appear 67 times among the Top 50 across the disciplines ranked.

Institution	Among World's Top 50 In # of Subjects
University of Hong Kong (HKU)	26
The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)	17
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)	12
City University of Hong Kong	6
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	5
The Hong Kong Institute of Education	1

"These rankings are extremely popular among international students and parents as they highlight academic excellence at discipline level, featuring specialist institutions alongside large, comprehensive universities" says QS head of research Ben Sowter.

"Hong Kong has managed to consolidate its position among the world's best despite the disruption of the recent switch to a four-year curriculum," says QS head of research Ben Sowter. "The success of Hong Kong's universities fits into a wider shift in

the global balance of power, with Asian institutions emerging as genuine competitors to the US and UK, especially in the STEM disciplines."

University of Hong Kong (HKU) ranks 2nd globally for Dentistry- one of the six new subjects added to the rankings this year - while showing international clout by featuring in the top 50 in 26 subjects including Education (6th), Civil & Structural Engineering (9th), and Linguistics (9th).

HKU the third best performing Asian university, after National University of Singapore and The University of Tokyo.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) features in the top 50 for 17 subjects and its best performance is in Computer Science & Information Systems (18=).

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) ranks within the top 50 for 12 subjects.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University ranks 12th in Architecture /Built Environment, while also ranking prominently in Civil & Structural Engineering (11th) and Art & Design (24th). City University of Hong Kong makes the top 50 for six subjects. Another standout performance comes from The Hong Kong Institute of Education, ranked 15th in Education.

SUBJECT	HKU	CUHK	HKUST	CityU	PolyU	HKBU	Lingnan	HKIEd
Accounting & Finance	23	35=	17	51-100	51-100			
Architecture / Built Environment	13	51-100		47	**12**			
Art & Design					24			
Biological Sciences	51-100	101-150	101-150	301-400	301-400			
Business & Management Studies	24	28	18	46=	51-100			
Chemistry	23	101-150	25	151-200	101-150	251-300		
Communication & Media Studies	51-100	23		51-100		**51-100**		
Computer Science & Information Systems	12	**18=**	**8**	51-100	51-100	251-300		
Dentistry	**2**							
Development Studies	22			51-100				
Earth & Marine Sciences	26		151-200		151-200			
Economics & Econometrics	36	49	30	51-100	51-100			
Education	6	20						**15**
Engineering - Chemical	51-100	51-100	27		101-150			
Engineering - Civil & Structural	9		17	35=	11			

Subject								
Engineering - Electrical & Electronic	22=	25	19	37	51-100			
Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing	46=	51-100	31	101-150	51-100			
English Language & Literature	24	51-100		51-100	101-150			
Environmental Sciences	51-100		51-100			201-250		
Geography	19	46=	101-150		101-150	101-150		
History	40=	45	101-150			251-300		
Law	19	42		51-100				
Linguistics	9	21		**18**	35=			101-150
Materials Science	51-100	51-100	44	51-100				
Mathematics	20=	42=	33	29=	101-150	201-250		
Medicine	28	51-100						
Modern Languages	15	30=		51-100	101-150	251-300	151-200	
Pharmacy & Pharmacology	34=	46=						
Philosophy	101-150	51-100					101-150	
Physics & Astronomy	101-150	151-200	51-100	201-250	201-250			
Politics & International Studies	26	36=		51-100				
Psychology	34	43		101-150				
Sociology	37	26		51-100	151-200			
Statistics & Operational Research	22	51-100	20	51-100	45	151-200		

In total, fifteen different institutions top at least one of the 36 subjects covered in QS World University Rankings by Subject for 2015.

Institution	World's Top
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Physics & Astronomy
	Materials Science
	Linguistics
	Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing
	Engineering - Electrical & Electronic
	Engineering - Civil & Structural
	Engineering - Chemical

	Economics & Econometrics
	Computer Science & Information Systems
	Chemistry
	Architecture / Built Environment
Harvard University	Sociology
	Psychology
	Politics & International Studies
	Pharmacy & Pharmacology
	Medicine
	Mathematics
	Law
	History
	Biological Sciences
	Accounting & Finance
University of California, Davis (UCD)	Veterinary Science
	Agriculture & Forestry
University of Oxford	Modern Languages
	Geography
ETH Zurich	Earth & Marine Sciences
Karolinska Institute	Dentistry
London Business School	Business & Management Studies
New York University (NYU)	Philosophy
Royal College of Art (UK)	Art & Design
Stanford University	Statistics & Operational Research
University College London UCL Institute of Education	Education
University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	Environmental Sciences
University of Cambridge	English Language & Literature
University of Southern California	Communication & Media Studies
University of Sussex (UK)	Development Studies

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QS World University Rankings by Subject

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The rankings are based on research citations, alongside reputational surveys of over 126,000 academics and graduate employers worldwide.

	2015
Universities selected by academics in at least one subject	3,551
Institutions ranked in at least one subject	2,186
Within published range in at least one subject	894
Within top 200 in at least one subject	835
Within top 100 in at least one subject	512
Within top 50 in at least one subject	310
Research paper attributions counted	17.3m
Citation attributions counted	100m
Self-citations excluded	24.1m
Programs verified	14,074
Total survey responses(academics and employers)	126,972

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Ben Sowter

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