

Comparing University SDG Rankings

QS Sustainability, THE Impact, and UI GreenMetric



QS Sustainability Rankings

Measures Environmental Impact (45%), Social Impact (45%), and Governance (10%) across 1,397 institutions. Focuses on research, education, and equity.



THE Impact Rankings

Covers 18 SDGs. Evaluates universities on 4 key metrics: research, stewardship, outreach, and teaching. In 2024, over 1,500 universities participated.



UI GreenMetric

Assesses six main criteria: Setting & Infrastructure (15%), Energy & Climate Change (21%), Waste (18%), Water (10%), Transportation (18%), and Education (18%). Involves over 1,000 universities worldwide.

Benefits of High SDG Ranking Positions

How Universities Gain from Sustainability Leadership

- **Enhanced Reputation:** Improved rankings elevate a university's global prestige, attracting top-tier students and faculty worldwide.
- **Increased Funding Opportunities:** Higher positions in sustainability rankings can lead to increased government grants and private donations.
- **Collaboration Opportunities:** Top-ranked universities often attract partnerships with international organizations, businesses, and other institutions.
- **Student Enrollment Growth:** Sustainability-focused rankings appeal to eco-conscious students, boosting applications and enrollment.
- **Alignment with Strategic Goals:** Ranking success reflects progress on institutional sustainability and academic excellence goals.