



Best universities in Malaysia 2025

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This list of Malaysian universities reveals the best universities and colleges in Malaysa, according to the trusted Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025.

Universities across Malaysia are scored in areas such as teaching, research and international outlook. It uses a robust methodology, created by the in-house data team, that is relied upon by students, academics, policymakers, and industry leaders worldwide.

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Malaysia Rank 2025	WUR Rank 2025	University	Overall	Teaching	Research Environment	Research Quality	Industry	International Outlook
1	201–250	Universiti Teknologi Petronas	55.8–58.6	36.8	39.1	82.2	80.2	78
2	251–300	University of Malaya 📄 Register free and enjoy extra benefits	53.7–55.7	45.5	36.7 Free sign up now	69.2	60.8	88.9
=3	401–500	Sunway University	46.0–49.2	23.9	21.2	86.4	32.7	83.1
=3	401–500	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	46.0–49.2	45.5	28.9	62.2	49.6	81.1
=3	401–500	Universiti Sains Malaysia	46.0–49.2	42.2	28.5	63.5	56.6	75.2
=3	401–500	Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	46.0–49.2	41.1	29.9	65.1	69.5	72.9
=3	401–500	Universiti Utara Malaysia	46.0–49.2	38.4	28.6	66.9	27.3	80.9
=8	601–800	Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah (UMPSA)	38.2–43.2	33.8	21.3	63.4	44.3	57.1
=8	601–800	Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris	38.2–43.2	36.6	26.4	50.4	53.4	75.9
=8	601–800	Universiti Putra Malaysia	38.2–43.2	36.1	28.8	51.5	51	79
=8	601–800	Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN)	38.2–43.2	25.6	17.5	64.1	75.6	64.2
12	801–1000	Management & Science University (MSU)	34.5–38.1	29.9	11.5	50.8	19.5	88.3
=13	1001–1200	Multimedia University	30.7–34.4	24.2	19.5	36.8	74.3	52.3
=13	1001–1200	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT)	30.7–34.4	18.4	21.1	52.8	36.7	57.5
=13	1001–1200	Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin	30.7–34.4	24.1	12.6	59.8	18.3	49.5
=13	1001–1200	Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR)	30.7–34.4	19.8	16.1	51.8	58.6	47.7
=17	1201–1500	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)	25.2–30.6	30.2	20.9	25	73.3	61.5
=17	1201–1500	Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM)	25.2–30.6	23.1	15.7	34.6	29.4	47.5
=19	1501+	Universiti Kuala Lumpur	10.5–25.1	25.6	9.6	24.1	31.1	46.7
=19	1501+	Universiti Malaysia Kelantan	10.5–25.1	15.9	15.7	32.2	34.6	45.4
=19	1501+	Universiti Malaysia Perlis	10.5–25.1	22.7	13	33.5	32.5	36.7
=19	1501+	Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka	10.5–25.1	21.3	11.7	29.2	32.5	45.1
=19	1501+	Universiti Teknologi MARA	10.5–25.1	22	15.7	31	38.9	27.1

Key insights from the Malaysia University Rankings 2025

- Universiti Teknologi Petronas takes the first place position in this year's Malaysia University Rankings
- There are 23 universites ranked in the top universities in Malaysia
- Last year's number one, the University of Malaya, drops down to number two this year.
- Sunway University is a new entry into the top five, having moved up from 10th place last year to third place this year.

The table for the best universities in Malaysia was derived from data collected from the THE World University Rankings. The results are calculated using 18 performance indicators underlying five metrics: research environment, teaching (the learning environment), research quality, industry and international outlook. For more insights and a detailed breakdown of our ranking methodology, [visit our methodology page](#). Use the Malaysia university ranking table above to explore the right institution for you.