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SAPIENZA AMONG TOP UNIVERSITIES

Sapienza confirms its position among the top Italian and international Universities, according to the most authoritative international university rankings in 2024.

Shanghai Subject Ranking 2024: Sapienza among the world's top 50 universities in 4 disciplines

On Monday, November 11, the Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024 (GRAS), prepared by the independent organisation Consultancy, was published. The Asian ranking confirms Sapienza's position among the top Italian universities and among the universities of excellence in the world.

In particular, Sapienza ranks among the top 50 universities worldwide in 4 disciplines: Physics (12th place), Aerospace Engineering (20th place), Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences (31st place) Automation&Control (47th place).

Sapienza obtained 6 Italian firsts in Physics (12th), Telecommunication Engineering (76-100), Ecology (101-150), Psychology (101-150), Human Biological Sciences (101-150), and Energy Science & Engineering (101-150).

In the Shanghai GRAS, universities are ranked in 55 subjects including natural sciences, engineering, life sciences, medical sciences and social sciences. GRAS ranks more than 1,900 universities out of 5,000 in 96 countries.

The criteria are based on objective academic indicators and include research results (Q1), research impact (CNCI), international collaboration (IC), research quality (Top) and international academic awards (Award).



The Shanghai Ranking Consultancy also published on August 15 the 2024 edition of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), which placed Sapienza as the first Italian university.

Sapienza 185th for Times Higher Education's World University Rankings

The Times Higher Education agency published the 2025 edition of the World University Rankings on September 10. Sapienza is ranked 185th worldwide. Our university was ranked third among Italian universities.

Sapienza is the first Italian university in the Shanghai 2024 Academic Ranking of World Universities and the only one among the top 150 in the world

In the Academic Ranking of World Universities, published on August 15, 2024 by the Shanghai Ranking agency, Sapienza is in the 101-150 range internationally, the only Italian university in this bracket. The Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities ranks the top 1,000 universities out of an estimated 2,500 in the world. The ranking is based on six evaluation parameters: Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals of alumni (10%) or researchers at the individual university (20%), the number of highly cited researchers according to Clarivate Analytics (20%), publications in Nature and Science (20%), citations of techno-social publications (20%) and the per capita productivity of academic staff (10%).

2024 was a year of great achievements for Sapienza in terms of international rankings. Sapienza is the only Italian university to boast an absolute first place in international rankings: the QS agency's ranking by subject, published on April 10, 2024, once again placed Sapienza in 1st place worldwide in Classics & Ancient History, with two other Italian firsts in the subject areas 'Arts & Humanities' and 'Natural Sciences'. In addition, the ranking gives Sapienza a score increase of 21%, the best performance among all Italian universities. Sapienza is also the university most represented in the ranking with 47 subjects. This flattering trend is also confirmed by the latest edition of the QS World



University Rankings, published on June 4, 2024, which places Sapienza 132nd in the world, the best result ever achieved by our University in this ranking, placing it at the top of the generalist universities.

Sapienza first in Italy for QS World University Rankings 2025

Sapienza ranked first in Italy for international scientific collaborations and graduate employment prospects. More ([in Italian](#)).

Sapienza once again tops CWUR rankings in Italy

The Centre for World University Rankings published on May 13 the 2024 edition of its annual world ranking list, which takes into account 2000 universities out of 20,966 surveyed. Sapienza confirmed its first position in Italy and is 124th in the world with a score of 81. CWUR evaluates 4 indicators: Education, Employability, Faculty and Research. Specifically, Education measures the number of alumni who have won prestigious academic awards in relation to the size of the university (25%); Employability measures the number of alumni who hold top positions in large companies (25%); Faculty measures the number of professors who have won prestigious academic awards (10%); Research measures the research results, high quality publications, number of articles published in highly influential journals and citations (40%). The world's leading university in the 2023 edition is Harvard. Among the Italian universities, Padua (173), Milan (186) and Bologna (201) are ranked after Sapienza.

QS World University Rankings by Subject. Sapienza ranks first in the world in Classics for the fourth year running

In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024 report, issued on April 10, Sapienza performed very well worldwide confirming its world leadership in Classics and Ancient History with a score of 99.5, higher than last year, and its



national leadership in two subject areas: "Arts & Humanities and "Natural Sciences", at 44th and 61st worldwide respectively.

Among the Italian universities, Sapienza is the one with the greatest improvement, with an overall increase of 21%.

This year's ranking, published today, analyses 55 subjects grouped into 5 broad subject areas. Sapienza is the most represented Italian university in the ranking with 47 subjects (last year it was 43), spread over all 5 areas, for a total of 52 points.

New for Sapienza in the 2024 ranking is Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, in which our University is ranked 46th in the world and first in the country. Dentistry returns to the rankings this year, ranking in the 51-100 range and first in Italy, while Anatomy & Physiology also ranks first in Italy compared to last year.

Sapienza holds 17 national records in the following subjects and macro areas:

- Classics & Ancient History (1);
- Archaeology (10);
- History of Art (14);
- Physics & Astronomy (32);
- Library & Information Management (36);
- Arts & Humanities - Macroarea (44);
- History (45);
- Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (46);
- Psychology (57);
- Natural Sciences - Macroarea (61);
- Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies (51-100);



- Statistics & Operational Research (51-100);
- Nursing (51-100);
- Development Studies (51-100);
- Dentistry (51-100);
- Anthropology (51-100);
- Anatomy & Physiology (51-100).

Sapienza is ranked among the top 50 universities in the world in 8 disciplines and the top 100 in the world in 25 disciplines (21 last year). The 8 top 50 subjects are Classics and Ancient History; Archaeology; Art History; Physics and Astronomy; Library and Information Science; History; Law; Data Science and Artificial Intelligence.

When analysing the five macro areas, in addition to its dominance in "Arts & Humanities" and "Natural Sciences", Sapienza has also improved its ranking in "Life Sciences & Medicine" from 137th to 128th place, thanks to a series of subjects such as Medicine in 92nd place (compared to 112th in 2023), Pharmacy & Pharmacology in 76th place (compared to 87th in 2023), Psychology in 57th place (compared to 61st in 2023) and Dentistry, Nursing and Anatomy & Physiology in 51st to 100th place. Engineering & Technology also moved up from 108th to 95th globally, with Data Science & Artificial Intelligence at 46th, Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical at 63rd, Computer Science & Information Systems at 71st and Engineering - Civil & Structural at 51st to 100th.

QS Subject Ranking takes into account the following parameters: academic and corporate reputation based on the opinion of recruiters worldwide, citations per paper, the use of the 'H-Index' for publication frequency and impact, and the international research network. Nearly 5,000 institutions were considered for the 2024 ranking, of which 1,559 were included in the ranking.



Sapienza tops in Italy among generalist universities for Times Higher Education World Reputation Ranking 2023

The 2023 World Reputation Ranking, published on February 13, 2024 by the Times Higher Education (THE) agency, places Sapienza in the 91-100 range, registering our University's advancement by one band compared to last year.

The 2023 edition of the ranking places Sapienza at the top of the Italian generalist universities: only the Politecnico di Milano is in the same range, followed by the Universities of Bologna (126-150 range) and Padua (176-200).

The Times Higher Education World Reputation Ranking lists the top 200 universities in the world and is based on an extensive, invitation-only survey of academics. The survey asks academics from a range of disciplines to nominate a maximum of 15 universities they consider to be the best for research and teaching in their field. The latest edition of the survey received 38,796 responses from 166 countries.

Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge lead the global rankings.