



**SAPIENZA**  
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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 2025.

### **The Shanghai ranking by subject confirms Sapienza University of Rome's position among the top universities in Italy**

The Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024 (GRAS), published on Monday, November 18, 2025 by the independent organisation Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, confirmed Sapienza's results.

In particular, Sapienza ranked among the top 50 in the world in five subjects: Aerospace Engineering (20th place), Physics (21st place), Mechanical Engineering (38th place), Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science (41st place) and Automation & Control (47th place).

Furthermore, Sapienza ranked first nationally in Physics (21st), Mechanical Engineering (38th), Telecommunication Engineering (51-75), Ecology (101-150), Psychology (101-150) and Chemistry (151-200).

The 2025 edition of GRAS ranks approximately 2,000 universities from 92 countries and regions. There are 57 disciplines and five macro-areas: Natural Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Social Sciences.



### **Sapienza ranks 170th in THE - World University Rankings**

On October 9, Times Higher Education published the 2026 edition of its World University Rankings. Sapienza ranks 170th worldwide and remains in third place among Italian universities.

Gaining 15 positions in one year, Sapienza confirms its upward trend and achieves its best ever result in this ranking.

Sapienza has improved its performance in three of the five areas considered by the ranking: teaching, research environment and international outlook.

Excellent results were recorded in the indicators that assess influence, excellence, research productivity, the quality of doctoral programmes, a university's ability to support industry with innovations and inventions, and the number of patents.

### **Sapienza confirmed as Italy's top university in the 2025 Shanghai ARWU ranking and the only one in the world's top 150**

For the fourth consecutive year, Sapienza University of Rome has been ranked at the top of the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), published on August 15, 2025 by the independent organisation Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, placing it as the first and only Italian university in the 101-150 range. ARWU takes into account the top 1,000 universities worldwide out of more than 2,500 surveyed and approximately 18,000 estimated worldwide. There are six evaluation parameters: Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals awarded to former students (10%) or researchers from the individual university (20%), the number of highly cited researchers according to Clarivate Analytics (20%), publications in Nature and Science (20%), and citations of technological and social publications (20%). These parameters are then correlated with academic staff, providing an additional parameter of per capita productivity (10%). For the top 100 universities in the



Shanghai ranking, the position and score according to the parameters used are specified. The others are divided into groups of 50-100.

### **Sapienza first generalist university in Italy in QS World University Rankings 2026**

In the 2026 edition of the QS World University Rankings, published on June 19, 2025, Sapienza was ranked first among Italian generalist universities, 128th in the world, and second in Italy after the Politecnico di Milano. This is Sapienza's highest ever ranking in this prestigious international ranking.

In particular, Sapienza is Italy's top-ranked university for Employment outcomes (92nd in the world), which is based on the employment rate and career prospects of its graduates in the labour market. It is also the top-ranked Italian university for International research networks (61st in the world), which is based on the rate of scientific publications with international co-authors, and Academic reputation (65th in the world), which is based on surveys completed by over 127,000 lecturers and researchers worldwide.

The QS World University Rankings, produced by the British agency Quacquarelli Symonds, are among the most important in the international arena. This year's edition considered more than 8,400 universities and ranked the top 1,500 in 106 countries.

### **Sapienza once again first in Italy in CWUR 2025 ranking**

Sapienza University of Rome has been confirmed as the top university in Italy in the 2025 ranking by the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR). This is the 14th consecutive year that our university has held this position since the introduction of the ranking system in 2012. Sapienza is also ranked 125th in the world.



The CWUR ranking considers 2.000 universities out of 21.462 surveyed, assessing the quality of education (25%), alumni employment (25%), quality of teaching (10%) and research performance (40%), and does not rely on surveys or university data. Specifically, the Education measure considers the number of alumni who have won prestigious academic awards relative to the size of the university, the Employability measure considers the number of alumni who hold top positions in large companies, the Faculty measure considers the number of lecturers who have won prestigious academic awards, and the Research measure considers research output, high-quality publications, the number of articles that have appeared in highly influential journals, and citations.

In summary, Sapienza's results are as follows:

- 1st university in Italy;
- 125th in the world out of 21.462 institutions (124th out of 20.966 institutions in 2024).
- 41st in Europe (unchanged since 2024);

The overall score is 81 (unchanged since 2024).

Sapienza first worldwide in Classical Studies for the fifth year running  
Sapienza first in the world in Classics. The 2025 edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject, published on March 12, confirms for the 5th consecutive year Sapienza's absolute supremacy in Classics and Ancient History with a score of 99.1 and the national supremacy in two out of five subject areas: 'Arts & Humanities' and 'Natural Sciences', ranked 40th and 61st worldwide respectively.



The Ranking analyses 55 subjects grouped into 5 broad subject areas. Sapienza was ranked in 46 disciplines, registering an improvement at macro-area level, with 3 of them placed in the top 100 (Arts & Humanities, Natural Sciences, Engineering & Technology).

Sapienza holds 16 national records in the following subjects:

Classics and Ancient History (1)

Archaeology (11)

Physics and Astronomy (40)

Psychology (63)

Nursing (51-100)

Statistics and Operational Research (51-100)

Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies (51-100)

Dentistry (51-120)

Library and Information Management (51-100)

History (51-100)

Development Studies (51-100)

Anthropology (51-100)

Anatomy and Physiology (51-100)

Biological Sciences (122)

Linguistics (101-150)

Earth and marine sciences (101-150)

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### **Sapienza top Italian university for Times Higher Education World Reputation Ranking 2025**

The 2025 World Reputation Ranking, published on February 18, 2025 by Times Higher Education (THE), places Sapienza in 90th position, moving up from the 91-100 range of the 2024 ranking. Sapienza is also top Italian university, followed by the University of Bologna in 92nd place and the Politecnico di Milano in the 101-150 range.

The Times Higher Education's World Reputation Ranking lists the world's top 300 universities and is based on an extensive, invitation-only survey of academics. The survey asks academics from a range of disciplines to nominate up to 15 institutions for research and up to 15 institutions for teaching. They are also asked to rank five universities, the names of which are given to each respondent based on their research experience. The latest edition of the survey received 55,000 responses.

### **THE Subject 2025 ranks Sapienza 33rd in the world and first in Italy in Arts and Humanities**

The international agency Times Higher Education (THE) published the World University Rankings by Subject 2025 assigning Sapienza the first position in Italy and 33rd worldwide in Arts and Humanities, with an improvement of 10 positions compared to last year.

Law is ranked 75th and Physical Sciences 99th in the world top 100.

In the Times Higher Education Rankings by Subject, universities are ranked in 11 disciplines: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Medical and Health, Computer Science, Education Studies, Engineering, Law, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Psychology, Social Sciences.

The indicators taken into account are Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, Industry, International Outlook.