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SAPIENZA AMONGST TOP UNIVERSITIES

Sapienza, one of the top Italian universities, ranks competitively amongst the best universities around the world according to the international university rankings published in 2017. Here is a quick review in chronological order of recent rankings.

US News - Best Global Universities Ranking

On October 24, 2017, US News published its "Best Global Universities 2017," which ranks Sapienza first amongst the 55 monitored Italian universities and 124th amongst the 1250 universities analysed worldwide. Starting in 2017, the US News Rankings also include rankings by subject. Sapienza placed 25th worldwide in Physics and 36th worldwide in Mathematics.

Other Italian universities that rank after Sapienza include the University of Bologna (138th), University of Padua (140th), and University of Milan (158th). Worldwide, the University of Harvard ranks first and is followed by Stanford and MIT. In Europe, the University of Oxford placed 5th and the University of Cambridge ranked 7th.

Centre for World University Rankings (CWUR)

The 2017 ranking published by the Centre for World University Rankings on October 16, 2017, places Sapienza first amongst Italian universities and 84th worldwide, 6 positions ahead of the 2016 ranking.

The ranking of the top 1000 international universities, which includes 48 Italian universities, is based on eight indicators: quality of education (number of alumni, in relation to university size, who have won important international awards); employment rate of former students (number of alumni who have served as CEOs in top global companies); quality of teaching (based on number of academics who have won international awards); publications (number of research articles published on prestigious journals); influence (number of articles published on influential magazines); number of citations in magazines; broad impact; and number of international deposited patents.

Sapienza was confirmed as the first Italian university for the sixth year in a row. Its strengths include academic staff (30th worldwide, 4 positions ahead of 2016), educational quality (52nd worldwide, 7 positions ahead of 2016) and research impact for citations (105th, 21 positions ahead of 2016).

In Italy, Sapienza University, which ranks first, is followed by the University of Padua (164th), Milan (169th), Bologna (193rd), Turin (220th), and Florence (254th). Globally, Harvard ranks first, followed by Stanford and MIT. Cambridge was ranked fourth as the first European university, followed by the University of Oxford.

Academic Ranking of World Universities 2017 (ARWU)

On August 15, 2017, the Shanghai Jiao Tong University published its Academic Ranking of World Universities 2017 which focuses on the top 500 global universities.

Sapienza places first amongst Italian universities in the 151-200 range (a position it has maintained since 2014) together with the University of Padua, the only other Italian university in the same range. The Universities of Bologna, Milan, Pisa, Turin and the Milan Polytechnic are ranked in the 201-300 range. In total, 16 Italian universities are included amongst the first 500 global universities out of 1300 analysed universities and an estimated 17,000 universities existing worldwide.

Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (ARWU)

The international Academic Ranking of World Universities by Academic Subjects, published on June 28, 2017, lists Sapienza as first in Italy (*ex aequo* in some cases) for thirteen academic areas, followed by the University of Bologna that ranks first in six areas.

Sapienza University's academic areas of excellence are:

- Physics: 29th worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Geography, 101-150 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Automation & Control, 23rd worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Instruments Sciences, 33rd worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Civil Engineering, 45th worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Aerospace Engineering, 26th worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Human Biological Sciences, 101-150 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Ecology, 101-150 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Materials science, 101-150 worldwide, 1st in Italy;

- Nano-science, 101-150 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Environmental science, 201-300 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Medical technology, 51-75 worldwide, 1st in Italy;
- Statistics, 51-75 worldwide, 1st in Italy.

ARWU Rankings are developed by the University of Shanghai and address natural sciences, life sciences, engineering, medical sciences and social sciences.

QS World University Ranking

Sapienza University has also improved its positioning in the QS World University Rankings 2017. In the new ranking, published on June 8, 2017, Sapienza places 215th, climbing 8 positions compared to last year's 223rd place. The performance is due to a clear improvement of Sapienza's international academic reputation, which is ranked 86thworldwide (4 positions ahead of 2016) and business reputation (233rd, up from 279th).

Amongst Italian universities, Sapienza places in the top range in 5th position without any significant variation (in 2016, Sapienza ranked 3rd, but in 2017, QS added the *Scuola Normale* and the *Istituto Sant'Anna di Pisa* as autonomous universities, causing Sapienza to slide by two positions).

CWUR Top Universities by Subject 2017

The Centre for World University's Rankings by Subject, published on April 3, 2017, places Sapienza first in Italy, 76th worldwide, and amongst the top 10 universities globally in 7 scientific disciplines: particle physics, nuclear physics, physics of fluids and plasma, applied mathematics, spectroscopy, medicinal chemistry and mathematical physics.

This result is a significant improvement over Sapienza's previous general rankings in 2015 and 2016, where the University was ranked 112th and 90th,

respectively. Other Italian universities mentioned include the University of Padua (2 subjects in the top-ten) and the Universities of Bari, Bologna, Florence, Milan, Naples and Turin (1 subject in the top-ten).

QS Rankings by Subject 2018

Sapienza places first worldwide in the "Classics & Ancient History" section according to the Ranking by Subject published on February 28, 2018 by Quacquarelli-Symonds.

In fact, the university has improved its performance in all 5 QS macro-areas:

- Arts & Humanities: 75th place (climbing 28 positions over 2017)
- Engineering & Technology: 100th place (+23 positions)
- Life Sciences & Medicine: 138th place (+23 positions)
- Natural Sciences: 50th place (+14 positions)
- Social Sciences & Management: 156th place (+28 positions)

Sapienza also performed well in various other subjects. It is amongst the first 10 universities worldwide in Archaeology (9th) and amongst the top 50 in Library Management (33rd) and Physics (39th). Moreover, it ranks in the Top 100 in History, Languages, Philosophy, Theology, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Anatomy, Pharmacy, Mathematics, Anthropology, and Law.

This new ranking is a significant improvement over the previous results in 2015 and 2016 in which the university ranked, respectively, 112th and 90th. The best Italian universities, after Sapienza, include the University of Padua (2 subjects in the top 10) and the Universities of Bari, Bologna, Florence, Milan, Naples and Turin (1 subject in the top 10).

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017

The QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017, published on March 8, 2017, confirm Sapienza's successful performance, both in Italy and internationally.

In the new rankings, Archaeology matches its best result to date - 14th worldwide and 1st in Italy - followed by the degree programme in "Physics and Astronomy," which ranks 44th worldwide and 1st in Italy. Sapienza also places 1st in Italy for English Literature (in the 101-150 range at the international level), Linguistics (in the 101-150 range at the international level), Religious Studies (in the 51-100 range at the international level), Geography (in the 101-150 range internationally) and Nursing (not assessed at the international level).

Areas that place second in Italy include History (in the 51-100 range internationally), Modern Languages (in the 51-100 range internationally), Pharmacy and Pharmacology (in the 51-100 range internationally), Anthropology (in the 51-100 range internationally), Law (in the 51-100 range internationally), Development Studies (not assessed at the international level), and Educational Sciences (in the 251-300 range internationally).

Sapienza also ranks amongst the top 100 global universities for Architecture, Computer Science, Anatomy, Electrical Engineering and Mathematics, for a total of 13 subject areas in the top-100 disciplines at Sapienza.