

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

The Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings are a highly visible ranking that focuses on research performance, employability of graduates, and international outlook. **York moved up in the QS World University ranking this year to 456th in the world.** This is continuing a recent trend of upward momentum for York in the QS rankings. The summarized performance over the past 4-years can be seen in Table 1. York’s upward movement overall has also coincided with an improvement in Canadian ranking.

Table 1: Summary of York’s Overall Performance in the QS World University Rankings

Year	Overall Rank	Canada Rank
2023	456	16
2022	494	17
2021	531-540	18
2020	511-520	18

Contextual Information

The breakdown of our QS World University Ranking can be seen in Table 2 along with the 6 main indicators (and the weighting for each). There are two separate reputation surveys that are run via QS: the Global Academic and Global Employer Reputational Surveys. The Academic survey is divided into the 5 subject areas: Arts and Humanities, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Table 2: Breakdown of QS World University Rankings and York’s subsequent performance over the past 3 years

QS World University Rankings	Weight	2023	2022
Academic reputation	40%	369	374
Employer reputation	10%	315	265
Faculty/student ratio	20%	601+	601+
Citations per Faculty	20%	450	533

International Faculty ratio	5%	343	389
International student ratio	5%	148	147

QS Subject Rankings

The QS subject rankings ranks universities in 5 broad subject areas which encompass 51 individual subject areas. The breakdown of the weightings can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3: Breakdown of QS Subject Ranking Weightings

#H-index is a bibliometric that indicates how productive or impactful an individual publisher is. It is generally viewed as the number of publications an author has that has the same number of citations. For example, a h-index of 7 means that that author has 7 publications that each have at least 7 publications.

* IRN or International Research Network reflects the number of sustainable and diverse research partnerships.

	Academic Reputation	Employer Reputation	Citations per Paper	H-Index [#]	IRN*
Arts & Humanities	60%	20%	7.5%	7.5%	5%
Engineering & Technology	40%	30%	10%	10%	10%
Life Sciences & Medicine	40%	10%	20%	20%	10%
Natural Sciences	40%	20%	15%	15%	10%
Social Sciences & Management	50%	30%	7.5%	7.5%	5%

York has seen continued upward movement in our Arts & Humanities rank which has almost reached top 150 globally. Conversely, our Social Sciences and Management rank has been slowly dropping and we are now ranked outside the top 200 (#234). Our Engineering & Technology and Natural Sciences ranks are low but consistent while our Life Sciences & Medicine rank remains mostly unranked.

- › Improved in rank in:
 - English Language and Literature: to tied for 73 from 101-150
 - History: to 51-100 from 101-150
 - Philosophy to 51-100 from 151-200
 - Physics & Astronomy: to 251-300 from 401-450

- › Went from unranked to ranked in:
 - Performing Arts: now 101-115
 - Environmental Science: now 451-460
 - Chemistry: now 551-600

- › Stalwart Performers:
 - Psychology: 101-150
 - Geography: 101-150
 - Law: 101-150
 - Sociology: 101-150
 - Business & Management Studies: 101-150
 - Accounting & Finance: 101-150
 - Anthropology: 101-150

North American Public Universities

Strategically, York is also interested in long-term performance as a North American Public University. Table 5 shows our performance compared to other contemporaries.

Table 4: Summary of York's Performance Overall and in Subject Areas as a North American and North American Public University

	2023	
	North American Universities	North American Public Universities
Overall	101	63
Arts & Humanities	46	26
Engineering & Technology	101	71
Life Sciences	Not ranked	Not ranked
Natural Sciences	121	90
Social Sciences	54	33