

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+ |

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| 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% |

In 2023, York has seen changes in performance in subject areas. York has seen continued upward movement in our Social Science and Management rank which has now reached the top 210 globally (#209). Conversely, our Arts and Humanities rank has been dropped, but we are still in the top 200 (#183); whereas our Engineering and Technology rank is now in the top 500 from the top 400 last year (#501-530). Our Natural Sciences ranks are low but consistent while our Life Sciences & Medicine rank remains mostly unranked.

› **Improved in rank in:**

- Mathematics: to 341-400 from 401-450
- Performing Arts: to 51-100 from 101-115
- Politics & International Studies: to 151-200 from 201-220

› **Went from unranked to ranked in:**

- Development Studies: now 101-120
- Engineering – Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing: now 451-500
- Social Policy & Administration: now 101-130
- Statistics: now 201-240

› **Stalwart Performers:**

- English Language & Literature: 73
- Psychology: 101-150
- Geography: 101-150
- Sociology: 101-150
- Business & Management Studies: 101-150
- Accounting & Finance: 101-150
- Communication and Media Studies: 151-200
- Computer Science & Information Systems: 251-300
- Economics & Econometrics: 201-250
- Linguistics: 201-250
- Modern Languages: 201-250
- Philosophy: 51-100

North American Public Universities

Strategically, York is also interested in long-term performance as a North American Public University. Table 4 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

*Indicates a tie

| Overall and in Subject Areas | 2023 | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | North American Universities | North American Public University |
| Overall | 96 | 61 |
| Arts & Humanities | 52 | 33 |
| Engineering and Technology | 104* | 74* |
| Life Sciences | Not ranked | Not ranked |
| Natural Science | 113* | 84* |
| Social Sciences | 52* | 31* |