

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023

OVERVIEW OF RESULTS

This year, York University made significant progress in the QS World University ranking, reaching an impressive position of 353rd 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 rise in the rankings has also translated to an improved standing among Canadian institutions.

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

Year	Overall Rank	Canada Rank
2024	353	16
2023	456	16
2022	494	17
2021	531-540	18
2020	511-520	18

Contextual Information

Table 2 presents a comprehensive breakdown of our QS world university ranking, including the six main indicators along with their respective weightings. QS conducts two distinct reputation surveys, namely the Global Academic and Global Employer Reputational Surveys. The Academic Survey is divided into the 5 subject areas: Arts & Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Life Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Note: The QS 2024 World University Rank underwent a significant shift in methodology, marked by the addition of three new categories and the application of reweighting across the existing indicators.

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

QS World University Rankings Category	2022		2023		2024	
	Weight	Score	Weight	Score	Weight	Score
Academic Reputation	40%	374	30%	369	30%	377
Employer Reputation	10%	265	10%	315	15%	441
Employer Outcomes	-	-	-	-	5%	119

Faculty/Student Ratio	20%	601+	20%	601+	10%	701+
Citations per Faculty	20%	533	20%	450	20%	440
International Faculty Ratio	5%	389	5%	343	5%	356
International Research Network	-	-	-	-	5%	471
International Student Ratio	5%	147	5%	148	5%	157
Sustainability	-	-	-	-	5%	144

QS Subject Rankings

The QS subject rankings assess universities across 51 individual subject areas, providing insights into their performance in diverse academic disciplines. This process involves gathering data from global surveys and incorporating research impact metrics sourced from Scopus (Elsevier). The weightings for each aspect are detailed 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 University experienced notable changes in its performance across various subject areas.

- York University's upward momentum in the Social Science and Management rank has persisted, propelling the University to a global position of #209, within the top 210 universities worldwide.
- York's Arts and Humanities rank has been dropped, but the University remains in the top 200 (#183).

A comprehensive review of York University's performance over the past three years is available in Table 4. A brief overview is provided below.

› **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

Table 4: Breakdown of York's Performance across all subject areas over a 4-year period.

*Indicates a tie

Note: Any blank spot indicates that York was not ranked in that particular subject.

			2020	2021	2022	2023
Arts & Humanities	Arts & Humanities – Overall	Global Canada	184=6	185=7	159=5	183=6
	Art & Design					
	History		101-150	101-150	51-100	101-150
	Archaeology					
	Architecture / Built Environment					
	Classics & Ancient History					
	English Language & Literature		101-150	101-150	73=	73=
	Linguistics		251-300	151-200	201-250	201-250
	Modern Languages		251-300	201-250	201-250	201-250
	Performing Arts				101-115	51-100
	Philosophy			151-200	51-100	51-100
	Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies					
	Engineering & Technology	Engineering & Technology – Overall	Global Canada	451-500 19*	451-500 20*	451-500 19*
Computer Science & Information Systems			301-350	251-300	251-300	251-300
Engineering - Chemical						
Engineering - Civil & Structural						
Engineering - Mechanical, Aeronautical & Manufacturing						451-500
Engineering - Electrical & Electronic			401-450	401-450	401-450	451-500
Engineering - Mineral & Mining						
Petroleum Engineering						
Life Sciences	Life Sciences & Medicine – Overall	Global Canada	450-500 19			

	Agriculture & Forestry					
	Anatomy & Physiology					
	Biological Sciences	551-600				
	Medicine					
	Pharmacy & Pharmacology					
	Psychology	101-150	101-150	101-150	101-150	
	Veterinary Science					
	Dentistry					
	Nursing					
Natural Sciences	Natural Sciences – Overall	Global	401-450	401-450	451-500	451-500
		Canada	17	17*	17*	18*
	Chemistry				551-600	
	Earth & Marine Sciences					
	Environmental Sciences				451-460	
	Geography	101-150	101-150	101-150	101-150	101-150
	Materials Science					
	Mathematics	301-350	351-400	401-450	351-400	351-400
	Physics & Astronomy	351-400	401-450	251-300	301-350	301-350
	Geology					
Geophysics						
Social Sciences & Management	Social Sciences & Management – Overall		171=7	187=8	234=9	209=8*
	Accounting & Finance		51-100	95=	101-150	101-150
	Anthropology		51-100	51-100	101-140	101-150
	Business & Management Studies		101-150	114=	139	139
	Communication & Media Studies		151-200	151-200	151-200	151-200
	Development Studies		51-100			101-120

Economics & Econometrics	251-300	201-250	201-250	201-250
Education				
Hospitality & Leisure Management				
Law	101-150	101-150	101-150	151-200
Library & Information Management				
Politics & International Studies		151-200	201-220	151-200
Social Policy & Administration				101-130
Sociology	101-150	101-150	101-150	101-150
Sports-related Subjects				
Statistics & Operational Research				201-240

North American Public Universities

York University is strategically focused on ensuring long-term performance as a North American public university. Table 5 presents a comparative analysis of York's performance in the "North American Public Universities" grouping.

Table 5: 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*