

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

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Computer Science

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| UK Rank | University | Global |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | University of Oxford | =4 |
| 2 | University of Cambridge | 8 |
| 3 | Imperial College London | 12 |
| 4 | UCL | 20 |
| 5 | University of Edinburgh | =22 |
| 6 | King's College London | 46 |
| 7 | University of Manchester | =58 |
| 8 | Queen Mary University of London | 78 |
| 9 | University of Warwick | 84 |
| 10 | University of Bristol | =111 |

Key insight

Warwick is 84th globally for CS but asks for A*A*A + Further Maths + admissions test. King's (46th) beats Manchester (58th). Edinburgh (22nd) is the top Scottish option.

Mathematics

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| UK Rank | University | Global |
|---------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | University of Oxford | 2 |
| 2 | University of Cambridge | 3 |
| 3 | Imperial College London | =8 |
| 4 | University of Warwick | 28 |
| 5 | University of Edinburgh | =29 |
| 6 | UCL | =42 |
| 7 | University of Manchester | 54 |
| 8 | King's College London | =60 |
| 9 | Queen Mary University of London | 71 |
| 10 | University of Bristol | 83 |

Key insight

Oxford is 2nd in the world for Maths. Warwick (28th) asks A*A*A + FM + test despite ranking below Edinburgh (29th). UCL (42nd) sits behind King's (60th) in overall QS but ahead for Maths.

Engineering & Technology

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| 1 | University of Oxford | 4 |
| 2 | University of Cambridge | 5 |
| 3 | Imperial College London | 7 |
| 4 | UCL | =24 |
| 5 | University of Manchester | =31 |
| 6 | University of Edinburgh | =60 |
| 7 | University of Sheffield | =94 |
| 8 | University of Leeds | =97 |
| 9 | University of Bristol | =107 |
| 10 | University of Nottingham | =109 |

Key insight

Oxford (4th) beats Imperial (7th) for Engineering globally. The gap between Imperial and UCL (24th) is huge. Sheffield (94th) and Leeds (97th) are closer than parents think.

Economics & Econometrics

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| UK Rank | University | Global |
|---------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | London School of Economics (LSE) | 6 |
| 2 | University of Oxford | 8 |
| 3 | University of Cambridge | 10 |
| 4 | UCL | 17 |
| 5 | University of Warwick | 25 |
| 6 | Imperial College London | 29 |
| 7 | London Business School | 41 |
| 8 | University of Manchester | 68 |
| 9 | University of Edinburgh | =80 |
| 10 | Queen Mary University of London | =87 |

Key insight

LSE (6th) beats both Oxford (8th) and Cambridge (10th) for Economics. Imperial (29th) appears despite being known as a STEM university. Manchester drops to 68th.