



Top 20 universities in the world for 2025*

The top 20 universities in the QS, Times Higher Education and Shanghai World University Rankings all accept Cambridge International A Levels.

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University name	QS Ranking	THE Ranking	Shanghai Ranking	Cambridge International A Level Recognition
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	1	3	3	✓
 Imperial College London	2	8	Not in rankings	✓
 University of Oxford	3	1	6	✓
 Harvard University	4	4	1	✓
 University of Cambridge	5	5	4	✓
 Stanford University	6	2	2	✓
 ETH Zurich	7	11	Not in rankings	✓
 National University of Singapore (NUS)	8	19	Not in rankings	✓
 University College London	9	Not in rankings	16	✓
 California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	10	7	8	✓
 University of Pennsylvania	11	16	14	✓
 University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	12	9	5	✓
 The University of Melbourne	13	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	✓
 Peking University	14	14	Not in rankings	✓

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University name	QS Ranking	THE Ranking	Shanghai Ranking	Cambridge International A Level Recognition
 Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore)	15	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	✓
 Cornell University	16	20	=12	✓
 The University of Hong Kong	17	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	✓
 The University of Sydney	18	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	✓
 The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)	19	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	✓
 Tsinghua University	20	12	Not in rankings	✓
 Princeton University	Not in rankings	6	7	✓
 Yale University	Not in rankings	10	11	✓
 University of Chicago	Not in rankings	13	10	✓
 Johns Hopkins University	Not in rankings	15	17	✓
 Columbia University	Not in rankings	17	9	✓
 University of California, Los Angeles	Not in rankings	18	15	✓
 Paris-Saclay University	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	=12	
 University of California, San Diego	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	=18	✓
 University of Washington	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	=18	✓
 University of California, San Francisco	Not in rankings	Not in rankings	20	✓

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