

An important distinction for NKUA in the 20th anniversary edition of Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities

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The **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** earned yet another important distinction: Released on Saturday, **July 29, 2023**, the results of **Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities** showed that **NKUA** came in **252nd overall** out of **12,000 Universities**, **55th** out of **3,465 Universities in the European Union**, and **1st out of all Greek Universities** included in the ranking.

According to the Rector of NKUA, Professor Thanos Dimopoulos, the Ranking Web of Universities, which celebrates 20 years of uninterrupted presence in global University rankings, is compiled by Cybermetrics, a research group belonging to the [Spanish National Research Council \(CSIC\)](#), the main research foundation in Spain. It provides information on over 31,000 Universities by reviewing their web presence and research impact. Universities are ranked based on criteria ranging from their online presence and visibility to the impact of their research work—as reflected in the total number of citations to papers written by their faculty and researchers—to the proportion of publications that are among the top 10% most cited and important globally.

As was previously mentioned, Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities gave the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** the top national ranking. Following that are **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki** (276th place worldwide) and the **National Technical University of Athens** (425th place worldwide). The **University of Patras** (571st place worldwide) and the **University of Crete** (687th place worldwide) round out the national top 5. Webometrics collects data for 31,000 Universities operating worldwide in 200 countries. The July 2023 edition features over 12,000 of them, including 66 Greek Universities, public educational organizations, colleges, and private training institutes (see Table 1).

Table 1: The ranking of Greek Universities and other Higher Education providers according to Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities (second edition of 2023)

Ranking	World Rank	University	Impact Rank	Openness Rank	Excellence Rank
1	252	National and Kapodistrian	483	90	213

		University of Athens			
2	276	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	323	277	328
3	425	National Technical University of Athens	531	413	530
4	571	University of Patras (incl University of Western Greece)	761	390	753
5	687	University of Crete	483	90	213
6	759	University of Ioannina	1,370	513	824
7	949	University of Thessaly	1,498	487	1,190
8	1,073	Democritus University of Thrace	2,078	724	1,142
9	1,368	Harokopio University of Athens	1,195	1,568	2,163
10	1,417	Athens University of Economics and Business	1,309	969	2,397
11	1,507	Technical University of Crete	2,579	1,015	1,825
12	1,525	University of Piraeus	2,163	1,267	1,970
13	1,540	Agricultural University of Athens	3,846	913	1,498
14	1,599	International Hellenic University	3,074	1,564	1,667

15	1,693	Hellenic Open University	2,183	2,031	2,141
16	1,792	University of West Attica	4,860	938	1,688
17	1,913	University of Macedonia	2,147	3,041	2,415
18	2,041	University of the Aegean	1,499	8,186	1,400
19	2,073	University of Western Macedonia	4,151	1,455	2,302
20	2,152	University of the Peloponnese	3,990	1,528	2,479
21	2,310	Ionian University	2,709	2,117	3,121
22	2,499	Hellenic Mediterranean University	7,960	1,458	2,050
23	2,899	American College of Greece	3,438	3,712	3,607
24	2,899	Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences	3,527	2,267	3,885
25	3,495	School of Pedagogical and Technological Education	7,036	4,581	3,270
26	5,678	American College of Thessaloniki	5,540	4,673	6,607
27	6,786	Athens School of Fine Arts	6,891	8,186	6,433
28	7,216	American School of Classical Studies at Athens	2,775	8,186	7,248

29	7,454	Hellenic Army Academy	16,128	8,186	5,530
30	7,631	Research Academic Computer Technology Institute	3,435	8,186	7,248
31	8,044	Metropolitan College	8,640	5,428	7,248
32	8,599	City Unity College	14,730	8,186	6,039
33	8,618	Hellenic Naval Academy	14,776	8,186	6,039
34	8,804	Aegean Omiros College	5,041	8,186	7,248
35	12,463	BCA Business Studies	10,137	8,186	7,248
36	12,702	Mediterranean College	10,463	8,186	7,248
37	12,471	American Farm School of Thessaloniki	10,495	8,186	7,248
38	12,982	College Year in Athens	10,787	8,186	7,248
39	13,359	New York College	11,292	8,186	7,248
40	14,429	CITY College University of York Europe Campus	12,644	8,186	7,248
41	14,970	Hellenic American Education Center	13,278	8,186	7,248
42	15,295	Akto Art & Design	13,703	8,186	7,248
43	15,370	Hellenic American University	13,780	8,186	7,248
44	15,510	Higher Ecclesiastical	13,956	8,186	7,248

		Academy of Thessalonica			
45	15,991	Conservatoire of Northern Greece	14,508	8,186	7,248
46	17,394	Independent Science & Technology Studies	16,168	8,186	7,248
47	17,832	Vakalo Art & Design College	16,706	8,186	7,248
48	19,705	ICBS Business School	18,834	8,186	7,248
49	19,890	State Conservatory of Thessaloniki	19,060	8,186	7,248
50	20,634	British Hellenic College	19,917	8,186	7,248
51	20,707	American University of Athens	19,994	8,186	7,248
52	20,728	Swiss Business School for International Hotel & Tourism Management Education (Alpine Center)	20,016	8,186	7,248
53	20,825	Hellenic Air Force Academy	20,135	8,186	7,248
54	21,573	DEI College	20,974	8,186	7,248
55	21,690	Institution d'Etudes Francophones	21,107	8,186	7,248
56	22,624	Higher Ecclesiastic Academy of Athens	22,152	8,186	7,248
57	23,312	AAS College Applied Arts Studies	22,924	8,186	7,248

58	24,085	MBS College of Crete Heraklion	23,753	8,186	7,248
59	24,212	Greek Bible College	23,904	8,186	7,248
60	24,604	Athens School of Management	24,321	8,186	7,248
61	24,955	René Descartes College	24,695	8,186	7,248
62	25,192	Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Vella	24,940	8,186	7,248
63	25,330	Patriarchal University Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete	25,099	8,186	7,248
64	27,656	College of Professional Journalism	27,557	8,186	7,248
65	27,950	Merchant Marine Academy of Syros Cyclades	27,869	8,186	7,248
66	28,649	Merchant Marine Academy of Chios	28,587	8,186	7,248

Source: Webometrics' website <https://www.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Greece>

Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities is regarded as one of the most authoritative global University rankings because **it relies on data that can be verified directly on the Web rather than indicators that heavily depend on interviews, questionnaires, and opinion polls, which can occasionally be biased or subjective.** The fundamental principle of this ranking is that it considers how crucial it is for academic Institutions to have a strong online presence in the modern world. The ranking, now in its 20th consecutive year since 2004, is updated twice annually in January and July and is based on three criteria:

1. **Visibility, 50%:** The popularity of the content, i.e., the number of external networks (subnets) linking to the Institution's web pages (which is normalized before the average value is chosen), is used to assess its quality. The popularity of the content is considered a measure of the value of an Institution, its academic performance, the value and usefulness of the information published by it, or the service it offers.
2. **Transparency (or Openness), 10%:** This indicator assesses the involvement of an Institution in the World Wide Web's open science standards by counting the number of papers indexed in Google Scholar and the number of citations received by them. In practice, the analysis of citations is deemed the most accurate metric for evaluating a University's scientific/research output. Their number, and therefore each **University's score, is calculated by adding the citations of its top 310 authors minus the top 20 outliers.**
3. **Excellence (or Scholar), 40%:** This indicator measures the proportion of an Institution's papers among the top 10% most cited in each of the database's disciplines. SCImago is the source for this indicator, which uses data for the five years 2018-2022 in 27 distinct scientific fields.

Professor Thanos Dimopoulos, the Rector of NKUA, would like to congratulate and commend the researchers at the University for their high-quality and very influential work and the administrative staff for their steadfast efforts to advance and promote NKUA internationally. The above distinction is rightfully theirs.