

The London-based Times Higher Education (THE) released university rankings on October 3, 2013. UC Berkeley was ranked 8th, marking the fourth consecutive year of placement among the top 10, and an improvement from 9th last year

Berkeley is ranked eighth in the world using the THE-Thomson Reuters methodology which focuses on quality of teaching, quality and quantity of research and international outlook.

Top Twelve Universities in 2013

World Rank	Institution	Total Score
1	Cal Tech	94.9
2	Harvard	93.9
2	Oxford	93.9
4	Stanford	93.8
5	MIT	93.0
6	Princeton	92.7
7	Cambridge	92.3
8	Berkeley	89.8
9	Chicago	87.8
10	I.C. London	87.5
11	Yale	87.4
12	UCLA	86.3

As shown in the table above, Berkeley is the top-ranked U.S. public university, followed by UCLA ranked 12th. Michigan was next at 18th. California has four institutions in the top 12 with Cal Tech ranked 1st and Stanford 4th.

The methodology uses 13 performance indicators grouped into five areas to measure quality of teaching and learning environment (worth 30% of the total), research quantity and quality (30%), citation influence (30%), research income from industry (2.5%), and international outlook (7.5%).

More specifically, teaching/learning includes a peer reputation survey which ranked Berkeley 5th in the world, staff-to-student ratio, doctoral-to-bachelor degree ratio, number of doctorates awarded, and

institutional income. Research quantity/quality includes peer reputation for research excellence, research income scaled against staff count, and academic papers scaled against faculty count. Citation/research influence is measured using five year’s of counts of scholarly journal articles (Thomson Reuters Web of Science) and six years of counts of citations of these articles. Research income from industry scaled against number of staff is meant to suggest support of innovation, invention and consultancy. International outlook includes ratios of international to domestic students, international to domestic staff, and the proportion of total research articles that include international co-authors.

Berkeley is again the top-ranked public U.S. university, followed by UCLA (12th), Michigan (18th), and Washington (25th)

Scores across indicators are standardized through the calculation of Z-scores which are “then turned into a cumulative probability score” to derive total scores. The reputation component of the score includes an exponential component to increase differentiation between those institutions not among the small number of schools at the top.

The same methodology employed within six subject areas produced the following rankings for Berkeley:

- 3rd Engineering & Technology
- 5th Physical Sciences
- 6th Arts & Humanities
- 6th Life Sciences
- 9th Social Sciences
- 21st Clinical, Pre-clinical & Health

More information including the top 400-ranked institutions is available on the THE web site at <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/>.

Please visit the OPA web site www.opa.berkeley.edu for information on Berkeley’s rank among other national and international ranking efforts.