

The landscape of global higher education continues to shift as universities adapt to an increasingly interconnected world. What was once a local decision about education has become a deeply global one.

Students now consider not just academic strength, but also whether a university can connect them to opportunities across different continents, different industries, and different cultures. Universities

themselves have responded by thinking beyond their home campuses, opening branches internationally and creating pathways for students to study in multiple locations during their degree.



February 2026 has been a game-changer for the IT industry, as roughly \$830 billion in market value evaporated from global software stocks. That is roughly the entire GDP of Switzerland or the market cap of Tesla, vanishing into thin air.

Anthropic is a name that has taken the technology world by storm, emerging as a dominant force in the global tech landscape in just five years. The company recently launched a suite of specialised agent plugins targeting finance, engineering, legal, accounting, and HR functions. These tools won't eliminate entire sectors overnight, but they will significantly reshape certain job categories.



So who is most at risk?

- Repetitive + rule-based + digital work equals the highest risk.
- Coding and entry-level programmers, IT support
- Voice and chat support agents, BPO roles
- Entry-level accountants, research analysts
- Junior copywriters, SEO writers
- Paralegals, junior associates

Who is safest?

- Skilled trades such as electricians and plumbers
- Healthcare providers, including nurses and surgeons
- Hospitality and service roles
- Relationship-based roles
- People who combine AI tools with strong domain expertise

The 2026 rankings reflect the above evolution. At the top, we continue to see the same prestigious institutions maintaining their positions, but the story becomes more interesting as you move down the list. Universities are being judged not just on what they teach, but on how they prepare students for a world that values both technical skills and adaptability. The competition is intensifying, with institutions from different regions proving they can compete at the highest level.



The Global Campus Trend

One of the most significant shifts in higher education is the rise of universities with multiple locations. Institutions are no longer confined to a single campus in a single city. Instead, they're creating pathways for students to experience education in different parts of the world during their undergraduate years.

Northeastern University has expanded its global footprint by operating campuses in multiple cities, including London and other international

hubs. This allows students to have a genuine international experience without enrolling in multiple institutions. They can complete part of their degree in one location and another part in a completely different region, gaining exposure to different academic cultures and job markets simultaneously.

IE University has strengthened its position as a truly global institution. Beyond its traditional campus in Segovia and its presence in Madrid, IE has established operations in New York and other major cities, allowing it to offer students

a worldwide network and diverse learning environments. This strategy has contributed to its consistently strong performance in the 2026 rankings.

Universities are competing on more than reputation now. They're competing on access, flexibility, and the ability to connect students with global networks. This trend is likely to accelerate, with more institutions recognising that a physical presence in multiple regions is essential for attracting ambitious students.

TOP 100

GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES



Rank	Institution	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	Harvard University	USA	100	2 ▼	1
2	Princeton University	USA	99.6	1 ▲	3 ▼
3	Stanford University	USA	99.2	3	2 ▲
4	Columbia University	USA	98.8	5 ▼	5 ▼
5	University of Pennsylvania	USA	98.4	4 ▲	6 ▼
6	Yale University	USA	98	6	7 ▼
7	University of Oxford	UK	97.6	8 ▼	8 ▼
8	Cornell University	USA	97.2	7 ▲	9 ▼
9	London School of Economics	UK	96.9	10 ▼	10 ▼
10	California Institute of Technology	USA	96.6	9 ▲	11 ▼
11	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA	96.3	11	4 ▲
12	IE University	Spain	96.2	12	13 ▼
13	University of Cambridge	UK	95.7	13	14 ▼
14	Brown University	USA	95.4	15 ▼	18 ▼
15	Imperial College London	UK	95.1	14 ▲	15
16	University of Chicago	USA	94.8	17 ▼	12 ▲
17	New York University	USA	94.5	16 ▲	16 ▲
18	Carnegie Mellon University	USA	94.2	18	20 ▼
19	National University Singapore	Singapore	93.8	20 ▼	22 ▼
20	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	India	93.4	19 ▲	23 ▼
21	University of California Los Angeles	USA	93	22 ▼	27 ▼
22	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	India	92.6	21 ▲	21 ▲
23	University of Virginia	USA	92.2	24 ▼	24 ▼
24	University of Melbourne	Australia	91.8	23 ▲	19 ▲
25	Duke University	USA	91.4	26 ▼	29 ▼
26	University of Tokyo	Japan	91	25 ▲	28 ▼
27	University of Texas at Austin	USA	90.6	28 ▼	25 ▲
28	University of Toronto	Canada	90.2	27 ▲	17 ▲
29	University of California Berkeley	USA	89.8	30 ▼	31 ▼
30	École Normale Supérieure	France	89.4	29 ▲	26 ▲
31	Rice University	USA	88.9	32 ▼	32 ▼
32	University of Copenhagen	Denmark	88.5	31 ▲	33 ▼
33	University of Michigan Ann Arbor	USA	88.1	34 ▼	30 ▲
34	University of Zürich	Switzerland	87.7	33 ▲	35 ▼
35	University College London	UK	87.3	37 ▼	39 ▼

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36	École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	Switzerland	86.9	35 ▲	37 ▼
37	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Germany	86.5	36 ▲	36 ▲
38	Johns Hopkins University	USA	86.1	38	38
39	Dartmouth College	USA	85.7	40 ▼	42 ▼
40	Hong Kong University of Science & Tech	China	85.3	39 ▲	34 ▲
41	Emory University	USA	84.9	42 ▼	44 ▼
42	Universidade de São Paulo	Brazil	84.5	41 ▲	41 ▲
43	University of Southern California	USA	84.1	43	48 ▼
44	Chinese University of Hong Kong	China	83.7	45 ▼	47 ▼
45	Universität Heidelberg	Germany	83.3	44 ▲	46 ▼
46	Kings College London	UK	82.9	47	40 ▲
47	Northwestern University	USA	82.5	46 ▲	50 ▼
48	University of British Columbia	Canada	82.1	49 ▼	43 ▲
49	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan	81.7	48 ▲	51 ▼
50	University of Sydney	Australia	81.3	50	45 ▲
51	University of Birmingham	UK	80.9	52 ▼	54 ▼
52	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	Chile	80.5	51 ▲	53 ▼
53	University of Rochester	USA	80.1	54 ▼	55 ▼
54	École Polytechnique	France	79.7	53 ▲	49 ▲
55	University of Waterloo	Canada	79.3	56 ▼	57 ▼
56	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	78.9	55 ▲	52 ▲
57	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	India	78.5	58 ▼	63 ▼
58	Vanderbilt University	USA	78.1	57 ▲	61 ▼
59	Fudan University	China	77.7	60 ▼	60 ▼
60	Esade Business School	Spain	77.3	59 ▲	62 ▼
61	University of Navarra	Spain	76.9	61	59 ▲
62	Technische Universität München	Germany	76.5	63 ▼	65 ▼
63	University of Groningen	Netherlands	76.1	62 ▲	56 ▲
64	Australian National University	Australia	75.7	64	64
65	Monash University	Australia	75.3	66 ▼	66 ▼
66	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	USA	74.9	65 ▲	67 ▼
67	Paris Dauphine University	France	74.5	67	69 ▼
68	University of Queensland	Australia	74.1	68	68

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Rank	Institution	Country	Score	2025	2024
69	University of Bern	Switzerland	73.7	69	71 ▼
70	Tohoku University	Japan	73.3	70	70
71	University of Warwick	UK	72.9	73 ▼	77 ▼
72	Universidad de Buenos Aires	Argentina	72.5	71 ▲	58 ▲
73	University of Delhi	India	72.1	72 ▲	74 ▼
74	University of Helsinki	Finland	71.7	74	73 ▲
75	University of Adelaide	Australia	71.3	75	78 ▼
76	University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	70.9	78 ▼	81 ▼
77	Ecole Centrale de Paris	France	70.5	76 ▲	80 ▼
78	Seoul National University	Korea	70.1	77 ▲	72 ▲
79	University of New South Wales	Australia	69.7	80 ▼	82 ▼
80	Erasmus University Rotterdam	Netherlands	69.3	79 ▲	75 ▲
81	Tsinghua University	China	68.9	81	84 ▼
82	University of Wisconsin Madison	USA	68.5	82	76 ▲
83	Purdue University	USA	68.1	84 ▼	91 ▼
84	University of Auckland	New Zealand	67.7	83 ▲	79 ▲
85	University of Washington	USA	67.3	85	83 ▲
86	National Taiwan University	Taiwan	66.9	86	86
87	University of York	UK	66.5	88 ▼	93 ▼
88	University of Sciences Philadelphia	USA	66.1	87 ▲	88
89	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	Mexico	65.7	89	85 ▲
90	University of Edinburgh	UK	65.3	91 ▼	87 ▲
91	ESIC	Spain	64.9	90 ▲	92 ▼
92	Washington University St.Louis	USA	64.5	92	90 ▲
93	Peking University	China	64.1	93	95 ▼
94	Georgia Institute of Technology	USA	63.7	95 ▼	89 ▲
95	Grenoble Ecole de Management	France	63.3	94 ▲	97 ▼
96	University of Surrey	UK	62.9	96	94 ▲
97	Stockholm University	Sweden	62.5	98 ▼	96 ▲
98	University of Hawaii Hilo	USA	62.1	97 ▲	100 ▼
99	Sorbonne University	France	61.7	100 ▼	98 ▲
100	University of Pittsburg Bradford	USA	61.3	99 ▲	99 ▲

How have the UNIVERSITIES FARED

The Global University Rankings 2026 show stability at the top with some notable shifts in the middle range. Harvard University has secured the first position, with Princeton University and Stanford University holding onto second and third positions, respectively. This trio has remained remarkably consistent over the past few years, reinforcing their standing as the world's leading undergraduate destinations.

Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale University continue to occupy the fourth through sixth positions, solidifying the dominance of US institutions in the top tier. The University of Oxford maintains its strong showing in seventh place, while Cornell University holds firm in the eighth position.

The London School of Economics and California Institute of Technology round

out the top ten, continuing to attract students from across the globe. What's particularly striking is how consistent these rankings have become year over year. Rather than dramatic movements, we're seeing incremental shifts that reflect gradual improvements in specific areas rather than fundamental changes in how these institutions operate.

MIT has shifted positions compared to previous years, now ranking 11th globally. This reflects the intense competition at the highest level, where even small variations in performance metrics can affect placement. The UK maintains a strong presence in the global top 20, with the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London continuing to attract serious international applicants.



HOW INDIA PERFORMED

India's position in global higher education continues to grow, though progress remains uneven. For 2026, Indian institutions have shown mixed results. IIT Bombay maintains its position as the strongest Indian performer, ranking 20th globally, which represents a solid hold on its position from the previous year. IIT Delhi follows closely at 22nd position, demonstrating that India's flagship institutes remain competitive on the world stage.

However, growth beyond the top tier has been limited. IIT Kanpur ranks 57th globally, while the University of Delhi comes in at 73rd. This pattern shows that while India's top institutions are world-class, there is a significant gap before reaching the next tier of universities. The challenge for India's higher education system is to strengthen the broader

ecosystem, not just maintain excellence at the very top. India remains the single largest source of international students for universities worldwide. In 2025 and 2026, Indian students continued their outbound migration, with a preference for countries offering clear pathways to work experience and permanent residency. The UK, Australia, Canada, and the United States remain top destinations. However, policy changes and visa restrictions in these countries have started to create headwinds for Indian applicants.

On the positive side, India has seen increased investment in education technology and skill development. Programs like the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and the Skill India Digital Hub have expanded access to

quality training in emerging fields like AI, data science, and digital marketing. Universities are also modernising their curricula to include interdisciplinary programs and industry partnerships, responding to the reality that today's students need both breadth and specialisation.

The opening of international branch campuses in India is accelerating. With institutions like the University of Southampton planning to open campuses in Indian cities, Indian students now have greater access to globally recognised degrees without leaving the country. This trend is expected to reshape India's higher education landscape significantly.



BEST REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES



TOP ASIAN Universities 2026

Rank	Institution	Country
1	National University Singapore	Singapore
2	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	India
3	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	India
4	University of Tokyo	Japan
5	Hong Kong University of Science & Tech	China
6	Chinese University of Hong Kong	China
7	Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan
8	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
9	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	India
10	Fudan University	China



TOP US Universities 2026

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Harvard University	USA
2	Princeton University	USA
3	Stanford University	USA
4	Columbia University	USA
5	University of Pennsylvania	USA
6	Yale University	USA
7	Cornell University	USA
8	California Institute of Technology	USA
9	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
10	Brown University	USA



TOP AUSTRALIAN Universities 2026

Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Melbourne	Australia
2	University of Sydney	Australia
3	Australian National University	Australia
4	Monash University	Australia
5	University of Queensland	Australia
6	University of Adelaide	Australia
7	University of New South Wales	Australia



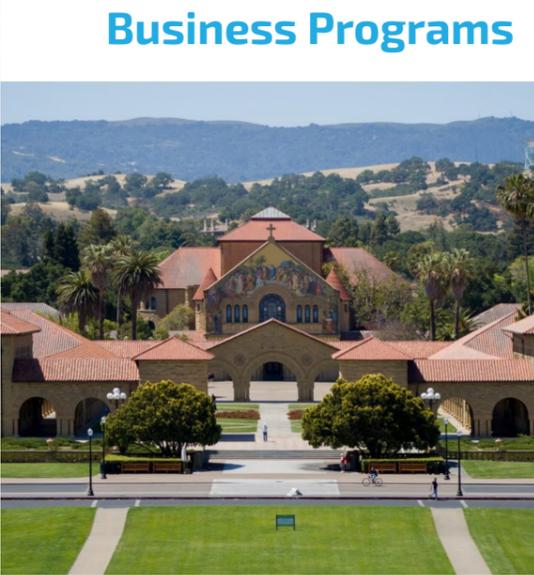
TOP EUROPEAN Universities 2026

Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Oxford	UK
2	London School of Economics	UK
3	IE University	Spain
4	University of Cambridge	UK
5	Imperial College London	UK
6	École Normale Supérieure	France
7	University of Copenhagen	Denmark
8	University of Zürich	Switzerland
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TOP UNIVERSITIES

DIFFERENT STREAMS

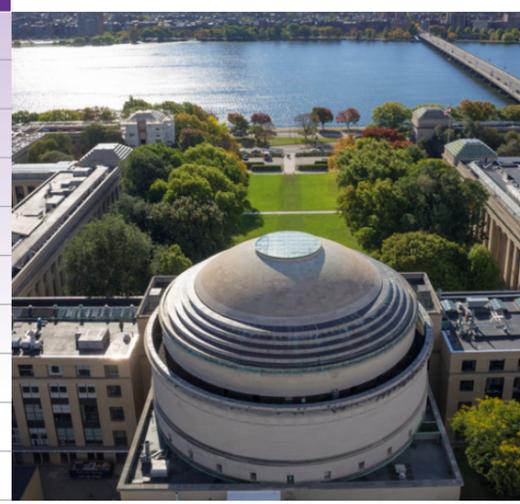


Business Programs

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Stanford University	USA
2	IE University	Spain
3	Columbia University	USA
4	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
5	National University Singapore	Singapore
6	Cornell University	USA
7	University of Virginia	USA
8	New York University	USA
9	London School of Economics	UK
10	University of Michigan Ann Arbor	USA

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Engineering Programs



Art & Humanities



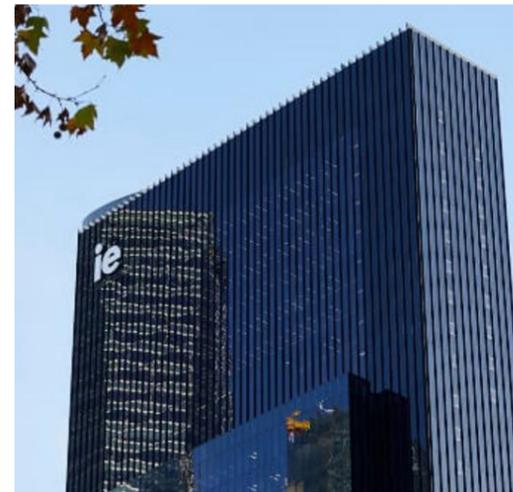
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2	Columbia University	USA
3	University of Oxford	UK
4	Stanford University	USA
5	Cornell University	USA
6	University of Cambridge	UK
7	Princeton University	USA
8	IE University	Spain
9	University of Pennsylvania	USA
10	National University Singapore	Singapore

Life Sciences & Medicine



Rank	Institution	Country
1	Harvard University	USA
2	Imperial College London	UK
3	University of Oxford	UK
4	Stanford University	USA
5	Johns Hopkins University	USA
6	University of Cambridge	UK
7	University of Pennsylvania	USA
8	University of California Berkeley	USA
9	Yale University	USA
10	Cornell University	USA

Science & Technology



Rank	Institution	Country
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
2	Stanford University	USA
3	Imperial College London	UK
4	Columbia University	USA
5	IE University	Spain
6	California Institute of Technology	USA
7	National University Singapore	Singapore
8	Cornell University	USA
9	Carnegie Mellon University	USA
10	University of Pennsylvania	USA

Pure Sciences



Rank	Institution	Country
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
2	Stanford University	USA
3	Harvard University	USA
4	Yale University	USA
5	University of Oxford	UK
6	University of Tokyo	Japan
7	National University Singapore	Singapore
8	University of Cambridge	UK
9	Princeton University	USA
10	Cornell University	USA

Architecture Programs



Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Cambridge	UK
2	University of Southern California	USA
3	National University Singapore	Singapore
4	IE University	Spain
5	Harvard University	USA
6	University of Pennsylvania	USA
7	Cornell University	USA
8	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
9	Stanford University	USA
10	University of Tokyo	Japan



STUDENT FEEDBACK

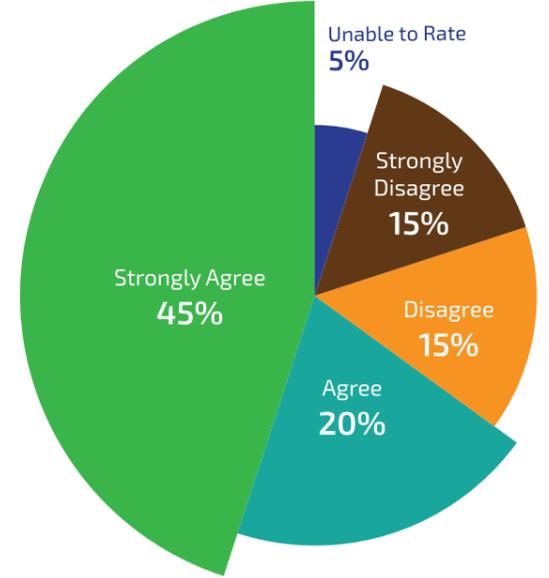
We approached the university students asking for their feedback. This is what they had to say...



Best Value for Money

My classmates enhance my learning experience by contributing to class discussions.

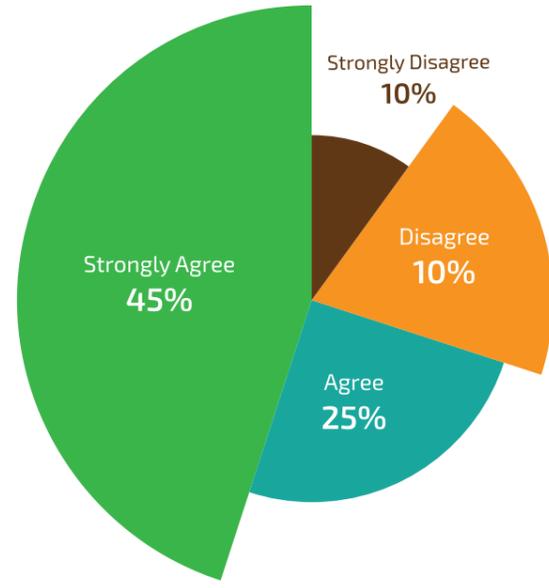
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6	Princeton University	USA
7	Stanford University	USA
8	University of Toronto	Canada
9	Columbia University	USA
10	Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	China



Student Satisfaction

In my opinion, there is sufficient international diversity in my class.

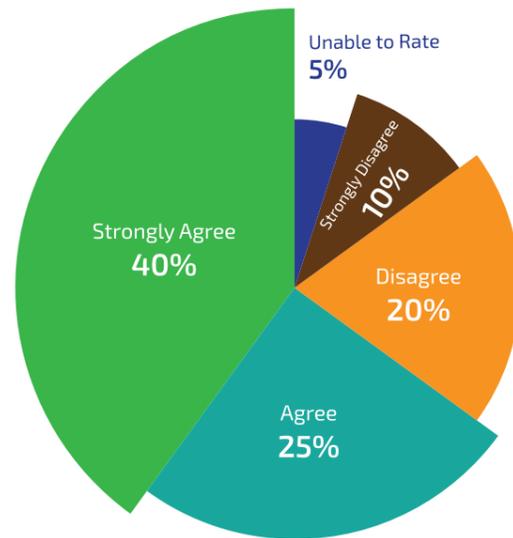
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8	Cornell University	USA
9	Yale University	USA
10	Cambridge University	UK



Recruiter Satisfaction

In my opinion, there is sufficient gender diversity in my class.

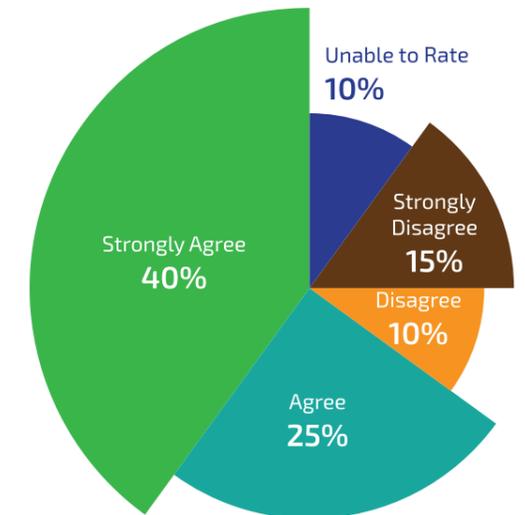
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8	University of Chicago	USA
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Innovation in Teaching Methodologies

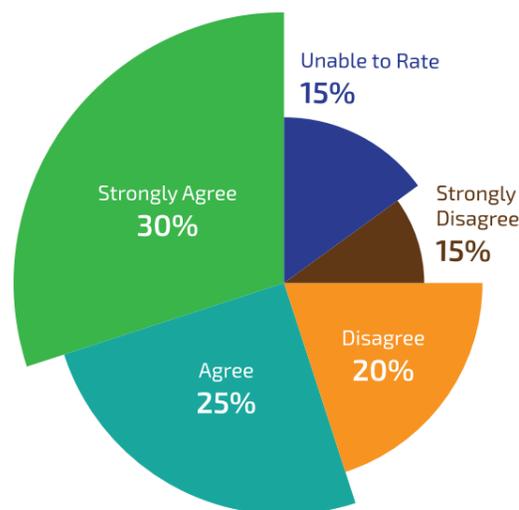
The programs taught at my institute are innovative and include company visits

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Campus Facilities

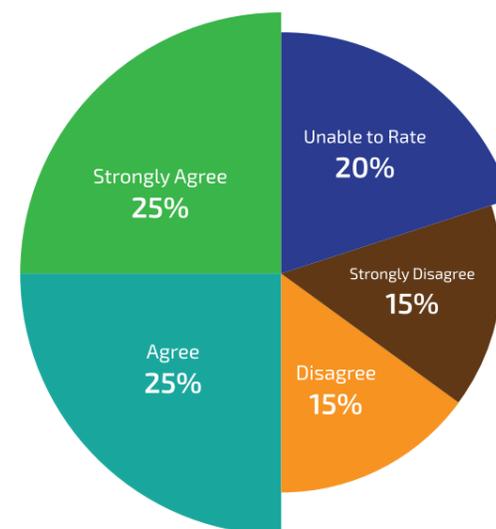
My teaching faculty are diverse and come from different countries.



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2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	USA
3	National University Singapore	Singapore
4	Harvard University	USA
5	Cornell University	USA
6	University of Cambridge	UK
7	ESADE	Spain
8	Yale University	USA
9	Columbia University	USA
10	IE University	Spain

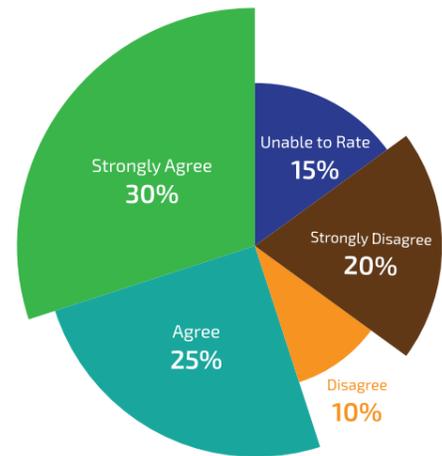
Career Services

Most faculty often use innovative ways to teach subjects.

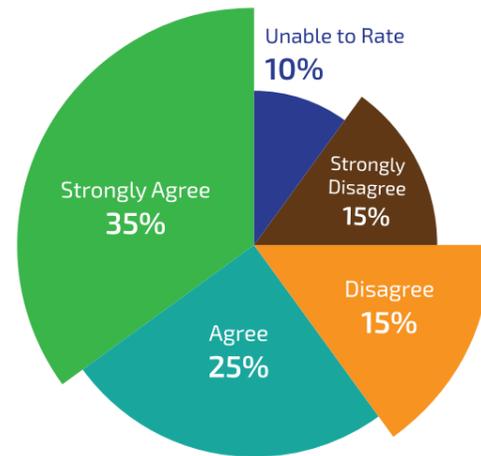


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10	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	India

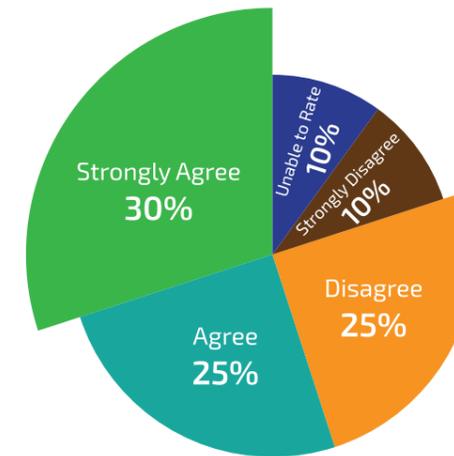
My institution provides very good campus support including housing.



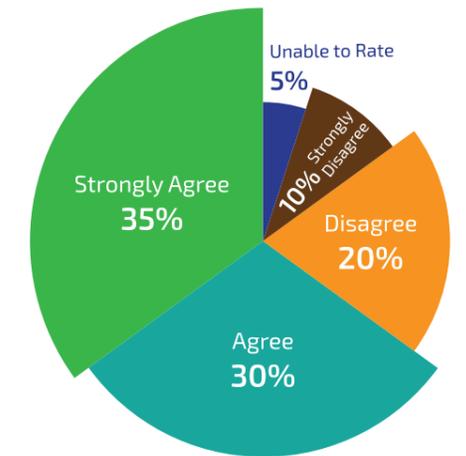
My institution has a career service cell and is well known with recruiters.



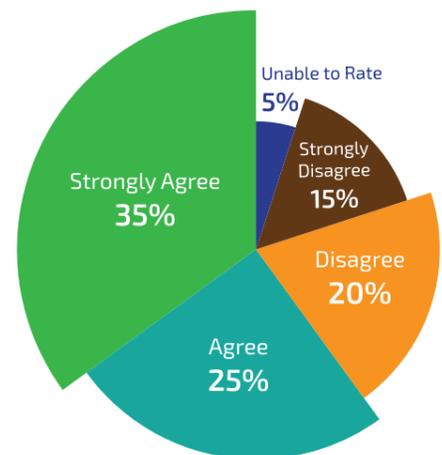
I feel that my institution provides value for the money I paid.



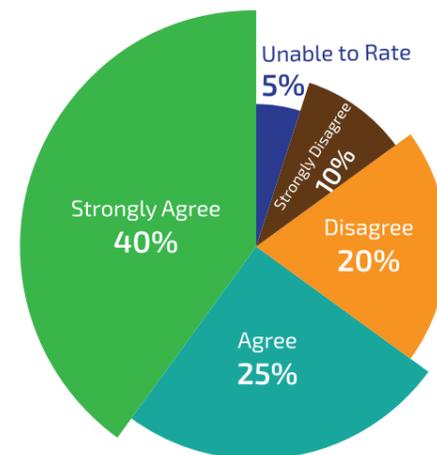
I applied for and received a satisfactory scholarship to attend my institution.



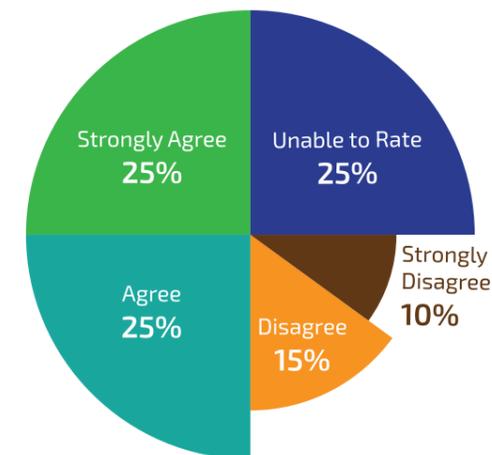
My institution encourages real life learning and helps organize internships with companies.



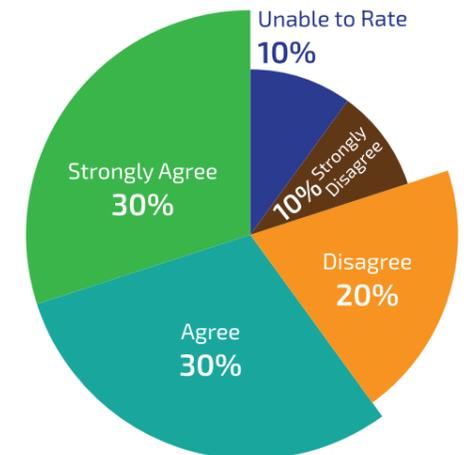
The alumni of my institute are engaged with the career service cell.



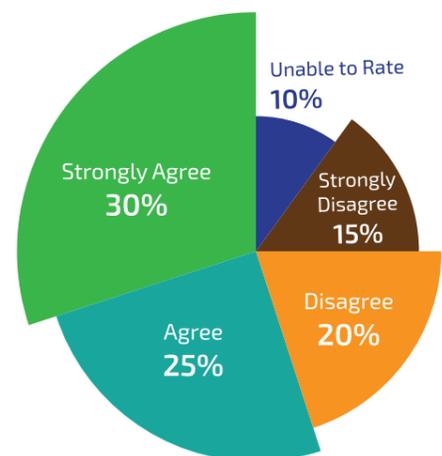
The teaching faculty at my institution are very receptive to discussions, questions and new ideas.



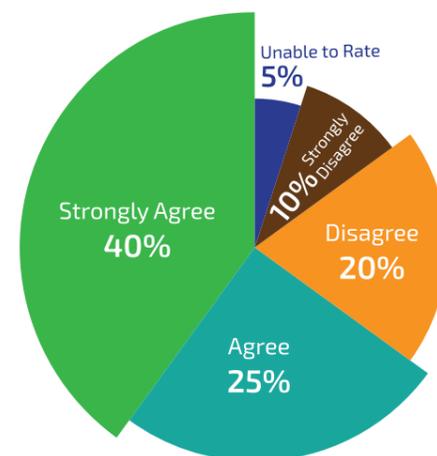
I feel that the faculty care about me and value my opinions in class.



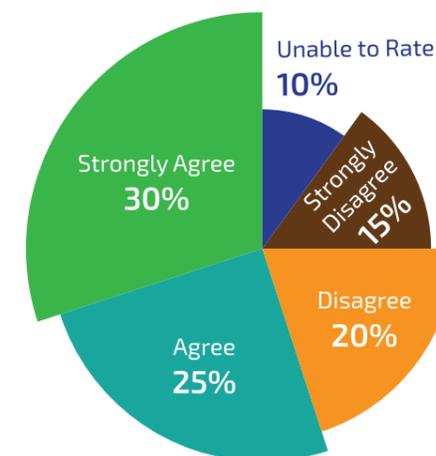
My institution encourages me to participate in extracurricular activities.



My institution has many exchange programs with other institutions and I have taken or will take part in such exchange programs.



Overall, I am very satisfied with my institute.



RANKING METHODOLOGY

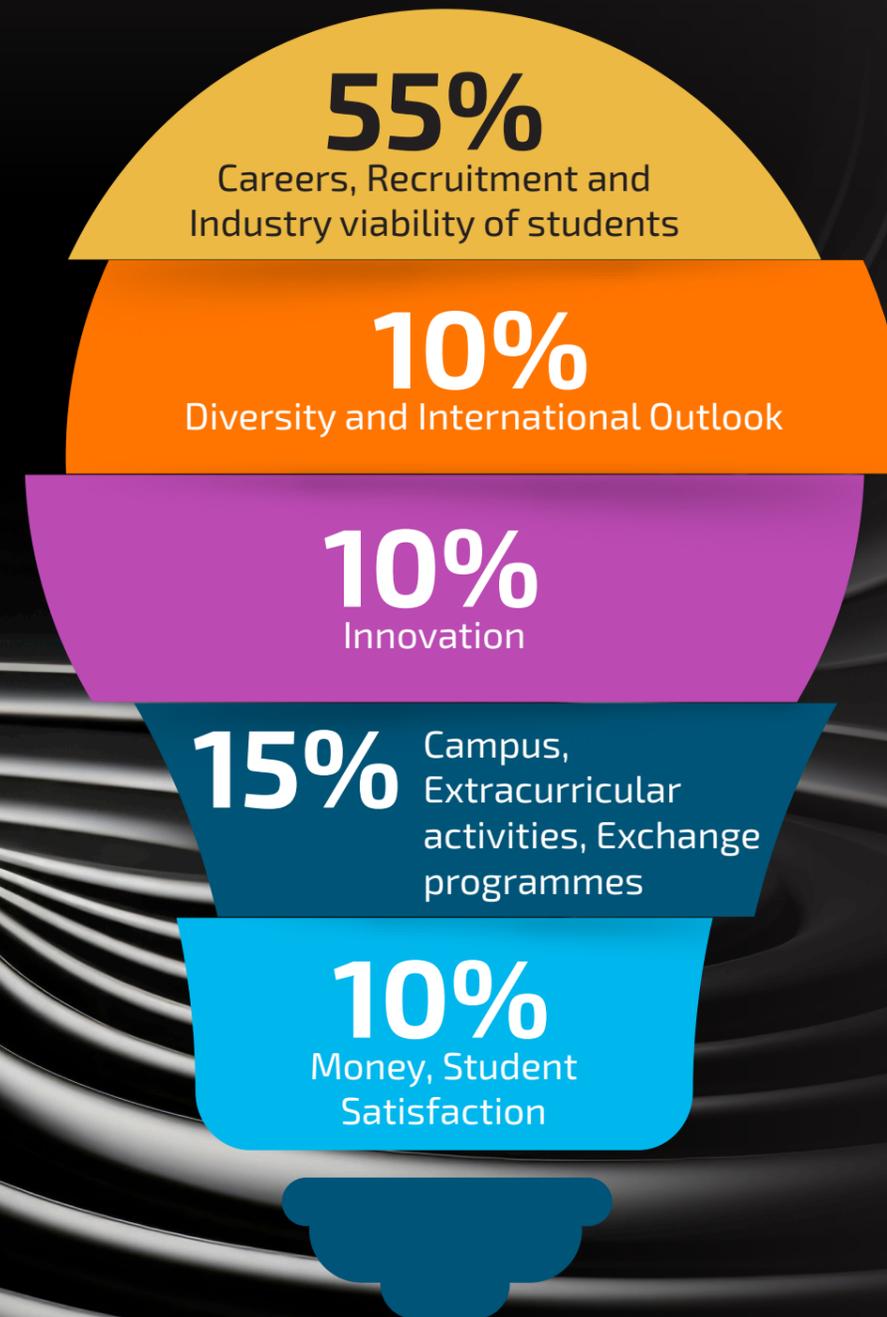
– GLOBAL UNIVERSITIES 2026

We chose institutes across the world after having discussions with thousands of students, recruiters and faculty. Youth Inc's Research Unit (YRU) also studied domestic rankings in various countries to find the best institutes.

We sent survey links to 2667 institutes and provided them with unique codes so that they could submit their responses online. Institutes were also provided links to online surveys where their current students were asked to rate specific statements that pertained to the factors considered in this ranking. Institutes also sent separate survey links to their recruiters who in turn rated the institute's career management cell as well as student employability.

Over 9750 additional recruiters were sent emails with a survey link. The recruiter list was prepared from the responses of the institutes and also included internationally well-known recruiters.

Below are the factors we considered and the overall weightage assigned to them:



Careers, Recruitment and Industry viability of students – 55%

This category significantly impacts the overall score of an institute since it is the most weighted factor. One of the most important criterions to select institutes is the student's industry viability after graduation.

Recruiters were asked to list and rate the institutes that they were most likely to recruit from. They were asked the likelihood of recruiting again from the same institute and their satisfaction with the institute's career cell. Recruiters rated students on various factors including analytical and problem solving skills, leadership potential, communication and interpersonal skills and so on.

Institutes, students and alumni were also asked about the availability and functioning of a career service cell on campus and how active such a service was. We also considered what percentage

of students were actually placed, both domestically and internationally, through the institute's career service cell. Students reported the availability and ease of obtaining internships.

Diversity and International Outlook – 10%

This category looks not only at diversity of faculty but also at diversity of students in class. The international outlook includes international students that are attracted and retained by the institute.

Institutes were asked to report the total number of students on campus and what percentage of the students were international and speak two or more languages. Gender diversity of the students was considered.

Institutes also reported the percentage of the faculty that were international, hold a doctorate degree and accredited with their own publishing material along with the gender diversity of the faculty.

Students and alumni were asked to rate the student and faculty diversity in their class.

Innovation – 10%

This category looks at the innovation used to construct and teach programmes and how faculty engage the students; an important factor in the overall perception of an institute.

We considered the different ways in which an institute constructs programmes. Institutes were asked to select

from a list different teaching methodologies that we considered innovative - some of these included company visits, dual or multiple majors and course collaborations between different departments at the institute. Our list was made after surveying students across different campuses worldwide.

Students were asked to report how satisfied they are with faculty who use innovative ways to teach subjects.

Campus, Extracurricular activities, Exchange programmes – 15%

This category considers the support students receive on campus and the availability of extracurricular activities. The exchange programmes offered by the institute and how actively students are encouraged to opt for such programmes was also considered.

We asked the institutes to

select the different types of assistance provided by the student office or a similar body on campus. Our initial list was selected after surveying students across different campuses worldwide.

Students and alumni reported if they were encouraged by the institute to participate in different extracurricular activities on campus.

Institutes were asked to report the percentage of students that opted for exchange programs. We also considered the exchange students present on the institute's campus.

Money, Student Satisfaction – 10%

This category takes into account a critical part of college education today – finances. And more importantly, how satisfied a student is with the institute.

We considered students' opinions on whether a particular institute was perceived as 'value for money'. We also asked institutes to state the percentage of students who received some sort of funding from the institutes.

Students and alumni were asked to rate their institutes on various factors including attitude of staff and professors, location, course content and so on and institutes were asked to report the graduation rate of students enrolled and what percentage of students transfer out of the institution.



Scores

We calculated the standard deviation and standard scores (Z scores) so that we could combine and analyse the data with more accuracy

and reliability. Below is a summary of the factors and the weightage given to each factor when we ranked the institutes. Each factor was made up of a set of questions. The total percentage attributed

to that factor was based on the average score of the responses multiplied by the assigned weightage. The total scores were then sorted from highest to lowest. The institute with the highest score was ranked first.

Institute	Current students	Current students	Alumni
Career Service	3%	1%	1%
Diversity of Faculty	3%	1%	1%
Diversity of Students	3%	1%	1%
Innovation of Programs	3%	1%	1%
Innovation in Teaching Methodologies	3%	1%	1%
Campus Support	3%	1%	1%
Extracurricular Activities	3%	1%	1%
Exchange Programs	3%	1%	1%
Value for Money	3%	1%	1%
Student Satisfaction	3%	1%	1%
	30%	10%	10%

	Recruiters
Recall of institute where to recruit from	20%
Likelihood of recruiting from same institute again	20%
Satisfaction with institute career cell	10%
	50%

Not just numbers

After we calculated the total computed scores for the institutes, we subjectively analyzed the data provided by the institutes, current students, and recruiters. If we found discrepancies in the satisfaction scores and the subjective descriptions, we omitted the data. This happened in the case of 12 institutes.

Missing Data

In a few rare occasions, some institutes did not supply data for all the questions in the survey. When data was missing which affected factors which

were low-weighted such as value for money or campus support, we entered an estimate between the average and the lowest value reported by the institute.

By following such a practice, we did not excessively penalize an institution with a 'zero' for data that it could not provide. At the same time, the institute was not rewarded.

Exclusion of Institutes

We required that at least 20% of the class size (of any specific institute) answer the student survey. Hence, some institutes

were disqualified from our ranking because of lack of responses to the student and/or alumni survey.

Institutes that did not fill out the survey reports in time

13% of the institutes contacted did not complete the survey on time or did not respond. We used publicly available information on some of these institutes to include them in our ranking. We also contacted current students and recruiters of these institutes and compared the data we received with the data from institutes that participated in our survey.





GLOBAL B-SCHOOL RANKINGS 2026

In a world that's constantly evolving, Artificial Intelligence is now at the forefront of both the business as well as the education sector. From global corporations to Indian startups, businesses are no longer functioning by the traditional ways as organizations now heavily rely on automation, predictive analytics, digital transformation and global expansion. The Indian government through its Digital India initiative and National Strategy for AI program is driving sector-wide adoption of AI technology across multiple industries including fintech, healthtech, edtech and manufacturing.

According to industry estimates from global consulting and research firms, the AI industry is projected to contribute trillions of dollars to the global economy by 2030–2035, with estimations indicating that it might add more than \$15 trillion to global GDP in the next decade. India too has established itself as the world's third largest startup ecosystem which now relies on AI technology for business expansion through machine learning, automation and data analytics. Similarly, MBA and business master's programs today are no longer limited to finance, marketing, or strategy alone. These programmes now teach students to combine technology, analytic, ethical and leadership skills in new ways that benefit the future. Global reports show that 75 to 83% of MBA and business master's programs worldwide have

adopted AI technology for their educational programs while business schools experienced a 500% increase in student enrollment for generative AI courses over the past year according to Coursera data included in the 2025 State of Business Education report.

For example, Harvard Business School has made AI a core part of its curriculum, introducing courses like Data Science and AI for Decision Making that equip leaders with hands-on experience in machine learning, data science, and generative AI.

Similarly, The Wharton School introduced a dedicated Artificial Intelligence for Business MBA major covering applied machine learning, data engineering, statistics, neuroscience, and ethics including courses such as Big Data, Big Responsibilities: Toward Accountable Artificial Intelligence. Institutions across India are also adopting AI operationally. IIM Nagpur is planning to use AI to assist in exam setting and evaluation processes of student answer sheets and projects, while Manipal Academy of Higher Education has collaborated with OpenAI to integrate AI into research and teaching practices. IIM Ahmedabad too has launched its first blended MBA Programme in Business Analytics and AI.

The education curriculum is clearly bringing a shift by blending AI and business in a structured, practical, and future-focused way.

Students are not just learning about AI; they are actively integrating it into projects, research, decision-making, and institutional systems. Many top schools offer flexible formats that combine online learning with some physical time on campus. The learning experience at universities has improved through their implementation of live online class discussions which use actual business cases and virtual consulting projects that allow students to collaborate with international companies and digital networking platforms for connecting with classmates and industry professionals and short on-campus immersion programs which provide students with face-to-face experience and real-world practice.

This brings us to an important question:

Are global business schools truly preparing students for this AI-driven economic shift? Which institutions are leading in innovation, employability, research, and industry integration? And how do Indian schools compare on the global stage?

As we explore the Global Business School Rankings 2026, we take a closer look at how institutions across the world from the US and Europe to India and Asia are redefining

management education, aligning with market realities, and shaping the next generation of business leaders.

TOP 100 B-SCHOOLS



Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	Stanford University	USA	100	2 ▼	3 ▼
2	Harvard University	USA	99	1 ▲	2
3	INSEAD	France	98	4 ▼	4 ▼
4	IE University	Spain	97	5 ▼	5 ▼
5	University of Pennsylvania	USA	96	6 ▼	7 ▼
6	MIT	USA	95	7 ▼	11 ▼
7	London Business School	UK	94	3 ▲	1 ▲
8	Columbia University	USA	93	8	6 ▲
9	HEC Paris	France	92	10 ▼	12 ▼
10	Dartmouth College	USA	91	9 ▲	9 ▲
11	Cornell University	USA	90	12 ▼	10 ▲
12	New York University	USA	89	14 ▼	14 ▼
13	IIM Ahmedabad	India	88	11 ▲	8 ▲
14	IESE	Spain	87	15 ▼	16 ▼
15	IIM Calcutta	India	86	13 ▲	15 ▼
16	University of Chicago	USA	85	16	13 ▲
17	University of California at Berkeley	USA	84	17	18 ▼
18	IMD	Switzerland	83	18	17 ▲
19	National University of Singapore	Singapore	82	19	22 ▼
20	ESADE	Spain	81	20	21 ▼
21	Yale University	USA	80	21	24 ▼
22	Imperial College	UK	79	22	26 ▼
23	Duke University	USA	78	23	23
24	Cambridge University	UK	77	24	19 ▲
25	Oxford University	UK	76	25	25
26	Northwestern University	USA	75	26	20 ▲
27	University of Southern California	USA	74	27	31 ▼
28	Carnegie Mellon University	USA	73	28	36 ▼
29	Georgetown University	USA	72	29	37 ▼
30	Indian School of Business	India	71	30	38 ▼

TOP 100 B-SCHOOLS

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
31	University of Toronto	Canada	70	31	27 ▲
32	University of Hong Kong	China	69	32	29 ▲
33	Emory University	USA	68	33	35 ▼
34	Rice University	USA	67	34	39 ▼
35	University of California at Los Angeles	USA	66	35	46 ▼
36	McGill University	Canada	65	36	28 ▲
37	Hong Kong UST	China	64	37	32 ▲
38	University of Melbourne	Australia	63	38	30 ▲
39	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore	62	39	34 ▲
40	Rotterdam School of Management	Netherlands	61	40	33 ▲
41	Peking University	China	60	41	42 ▼
42	University of Cape Town	South Africa	59	42	40 ▲
43	City University London	UK	58	43	43
44	York University	Canada	57	44	45 ▼
45	SDA Bocconi	Italy	56	45	41 ▲
46	University of Virginia	USA	55	46	49 ▼
47	University of Manchester	UK	54	47	51 ▼
48	CEIBS	China	53	48	53 ▼
49	Boston University	USA	52	49	54 ▼
50	Purdue University	USA	51	50	57 ▼
51	University of Michigan Ann Arbor	USA	50	54	55 ▼
52	University of Texas at Austin	USA	49	52	52
53	Mannheim Business School	Germany	48	53	48 ▲
54	University of North Carolina (Kenan-Flagler)	USA	47	51 ▲	44 ▲
55	Indiana University (Kelley)	USA	46	56 ▼	58 ▼
56	Australian Graduate School of Management	Australia	45	55 ▲	47 ▲
57	Washington University (Olin)	USA	44	57	60 ▼
58	Western University	Canada	43	59 ▼	50 ▲

TOP 100 B-SCHOOLS

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
59	SP Jain Institute of Management	India	42	58 ▲	56 ▲
60	University of Minnesota (Carlson)	USA	41	60	62 ▼
61	University of St.Gallen	Switzerland	40	62 ▼	68 ▼
62	Copenhagen Business School	Denmark	39	61 ▲	64 ▼
63	Macquarie Graduate School of Management	Australia	38	64 ▼	63
64	Incae Business School	Costa Rica	37	63 ▲	59 ▲
65	Babson College	USA	36	66 ▼	69 ▼
66	Coppead	Brazil	35	65 ▲	61 ▲
67	University of British Columbia	Canada	34	68 ▼	65 ▲
68	Southern Methodist University	USA	33	67 ▲	67 ▲
69	Fundação Getulio Vargas	Brazil	32	NEW	NEW
70	Universidad de Chile	Chile	31	69 ▲	70
71	Chinese University of Hong Kong	China	30	72 ▼	76 ▼
72	University of Rochester (Simon)	USA	29	71 ▲	79 ▼
73	University of Edinburgh	UK	28	74 ▼	72
74	Ohio State University (Fisher)	USA	27	73 ▲	75 ▼
75	Cranfield University	UK	26	76 ▼	77 ▼
76	IPADE	Mexico	25	75 ▲	71 ▲
77	Queens University	Canada	24	77	78 ▼
78	Vlerick Business School	Belgium	23	79 ▼	81 ▼
79	MIP Politecnico di Milano	Italy	22	78 ▲	73 ▲
80	University of Miami	USA	21	80	80
81	Penn State University (Smeal)	USA	20	82 ▼	84 ▼
82	University of Washington (Foster)	USA	19	81 ▲	74 ▲
83	ESIC	Spain	18	84 ▼	86 ▼
84	University of Warwick	UK	17	83 ▲	82 ▲
85	Texas A&M University (Mays)	USA	16	86 ▼	85
86	Michigan State University (Broad)	USA	15	85 ▲	83 ▲
87	Bond University	Australia	14	88 ▼	88 ▼

TOP 100 B-SCHOOLS

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
88	Boston College	USA	13	87 ▲	87 ▲
89	University of South Carolina	USA	12	90 ▼	93 ▼
90	Wake Forest University	USA	11	89 ▲	89 ▲
91	University of Alberta	Canada	10	92 ▼	94 ▼
92	Brigham Young University	USA	9	91 ▲	92
93	Hofstra University	USA	8	94 ▼	97 ▼
94	University of California Irvine	USA	7	93 ▲	90 ▲
95	Lancaster University	UK	6	96 ▼	96 ▼
96	Monash University	Australia	5	95 ▲	NEW
97	Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile	Chile	4	98 ▼	95 ▲
98	American University in Cairo	Egypt	3	97 ▲	98
99	University of Pittsburg	USA	2	100 ▼	99
100	Queensland Institute of Tech	Australia	1	99 ▲	91 ▲

HOW HAVE THE BUSINESS SCHOOLS PERFORMED

The Global Business School Rankings 2026 reflect a year of relative stability among the world's elite institutions. Stanford University and Harvard University continue to hold their first and second positions in the MBA rankings as both institutions demonstrate strong academic standards, influential alumni networks and their graduates achieve successful career results. This year, Stanford University has reclaimed the first position, climbing from the second place in 2025 and third position in 2024. Harvard University has dropped to second place after leading the first place last year. INSEAD University has moved to the third position from its fourth place in 2025, while IE University has reclaimed the fourth position compared to its fifth position in 2025 and 2024. The University of Pennsylvania (Wharton) has shown remarkable progress by now standing in the top 5 at the fifth position compared

to its sixth and seventh in the previous years.

MIT college has secured the sixth place up from the eleventh place in 2024. However, London Business School, which ranked first in 2024 and third in 2025, has fallen to seventh place in 2026. Within the top ten, Columbia University remains stable at the eighth position as last year, while HEC Paris now continues to be at the ninth place and Dartmouth college rounds off the top ten list by securing the tenth place.

Beyond individual movements, the 2026 rankings highlight a broader shift in business education. Institutions are increasingly being evaluated not just on legacy and academic rigor, but also on employability outcomes, recruiter recognition, global exposure, and curriculum innovation. Strong employer pipelines, international mobility opportunities, and measurable career advancement are now key differentiators.

Among the Indian Institutions, the performance between IIM Ahmedabad and IIM Calcutta remains steady but competitive as they stand among the top 20 global business schools. IIM Ahmedabad ranked thirteen from its eleventh position in 2025 and eight position in 2024. IIM Calcutta stands fifteenth compared to its 13th position in

2025. The Indian School of Business continues to hold its 30th position after significant improvements from its 38th position in 2024.

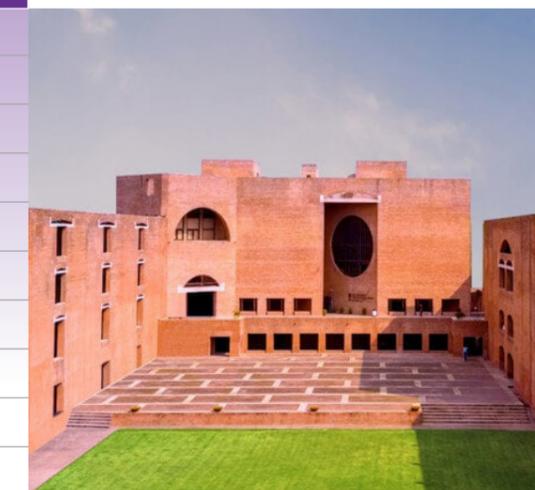
Overall, the 2026 rankings confirm that while leadership at the top remains consolidated, global business education is becoming more technologically adaptive, internationally connected, and strongly focused on real career impact. For students, reputation still matters, but global exposure, industry integration, and tangible career outcomes are increasingly defining the true value of a business degree.

TOP MBA WORLDWIDE



Top Asian Universities

Rank	Institution	Country
1	IIM Ahmedabad	India
2	IIM Calcutta	India
3	National University of Singapore	Singapore
4	Indian School of Business	India
5	University of Hong Kong	China
6	Hong Kong UST	China
7	Nanyang Technological University	Singapore
8	Peking University	China
9	CEIBS	China
10	SP Jain Institute of Management	India



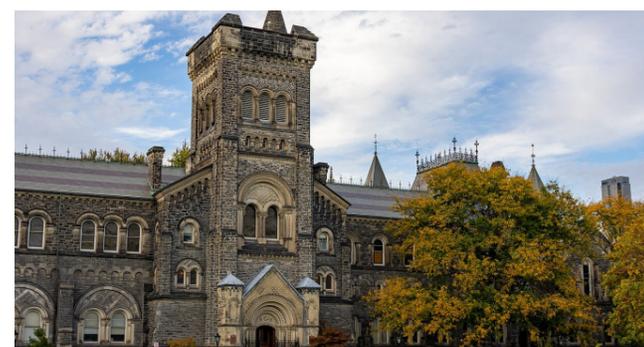
Top US Universities

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Stanford University	USA
2	Harvard University	USA
3	University of Pennsylvania	USA
4	MIT	USA
5	Columbia University	USA
6	Dartmouth College	USA
7	Cornell University	USA
8	New York University	USA
9	University of Chicago	USA
10	Yale University	USA



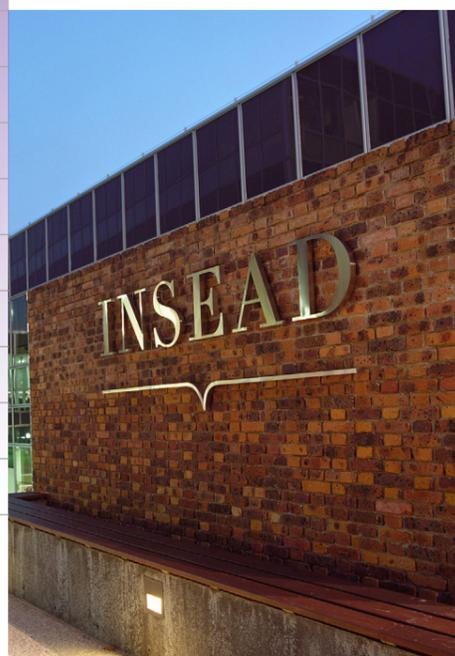
Top Canadian Universities

Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Toronto	Canada
2	McGill University	Canada
3	York University	Canada
4	Western University	Canada
5	University of British Columbia	Canada
6	Queens University	Canada
7	University of Alberta	Canada



Top European Universities

Rank	Institution	Country
1	INSEAD	France
2	IE University	Spain
3	London Business School	UK
4	HEC Paris	France
5	IESE	Spain
6	ESADE	Spain
7	Imperial College	UK
8	Cambridge University	UK
9	Oxford University	UK
10	Rotterdam School of Management	Netherlands



Top Australian Universities

Rank	Institution	Country
1	University of Melbourne	Australia
2	Australian Graduate School of Management	Australia
3	Macquarie Graduate School of Management	Australia
4	Bond University	Australia
5	Monash University	Australia



TOP 50 EXECUTIVE MBA



Rank	University	Course	Score	2025	2024
1	Wharton	Wharton MBA for Executives	100	1	2 ▼
2	IE University	Global Executive MBA	99	3 ▼	3 ▼
3	Columbia University	Executive MBA	98	2 ▲	4 ▼
4	INSEAD	INSEAD Global Executive MBA	97	6 ▼	8 ▼
5	London Business School	Executive MBA	96	5	1 ▲
6	University of Pennsylvania	Executive MBA	95	new	new
7	IESE Business School	Global Executive MBA	94	4 ▲	5 ▲
8	Columbia Business School + London Business School	EMBA-Global Americas and Europe	93	5 ▲	1 ▲
9	HEC Paris	Executive MBA	92	new	new
10	National University of Singapore	Asia-Pacific Executive MBA	91	10	11 ▼
11	UCLA Anderson + NUS Business School	UCLA-NUS Executive MBA	90	13 ▼	9 ▲
12	TRIUM (HEC Paris + LSE + NYU Stern)	TRIUM Global Executive MBA	89	12	15 ▼
13	Oxford University	Executive MBA	88	18 ▼	18 ▼
14	IMD	IMD Executive MBA	87	23 ▼	24 ▼
15	ESADE Business School	Executive MBA	86	7 ▲	6 ▲
16	Cornell University	Executive MBA	85	8 ▲	7 ▲
17	Imperial College London	Executive MBA	84	9 ▲	10 ▲
18	Georgetown University	Executive MBA	83	11 ▲	13 ▲
19	Tsinghua University + INSEAD	Tsinghua-INSEAD Executive MBA	82	14 ▲	16 ▲
20	University of Texas at Austin	Executive MBA	81	15 ▲	19 ▲
21	University of Toronto	One-Year Executive MBA	80	16 ▲	21
22	Kellogg + Schulich School of Business (York University)	Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA	79	17 ▲	14 ▲

TOP 50 EXECUTIVE MBA

Rank	University	Course	Score	2025	2024
23	ESSEC Business School + Mannheim Business School	Executive MBA	78	19 ▲	20 ▲
24	Emory University (Goizueta)	Executive MBA	77	25 ▼	26 ▼
25	CEIBS	Global Executive MBA	76	26 ▼	29 ▼
26	Duke University	Duke MBA – Global Executive	75	27 ▼	25 ▲
27	Rice University	Rice MBA for Executives	74	31 ▼	33 ▼
28	University of Miami	Executive MBA	73	28	30 ▼
29	Western University (Ivey)	Ivey Executive MBA	72	29	27 ▲
30	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Executive MBA	71	30	28 ▲
31	University of Pittsburgh (Katz)	Executive MBA	70	32 ▼	31
32	University of Maryland (Smith)	Smith Executive MBA	69	33 ▼	34 ▼
33	University of Wisconsin–Madison	Executive MBA	68	37 ▼	35 ▼
34	University of St. Gallen	Executive MBA HSG	67	36 ▼	38 ▼
35	Grenoble Ecole de Management	International Executive MBA	66	34 ▲	36 ▼
36	University of Bath	Executive MBA	65	35 ▲	32 ▲
37	University of Rochester	Executive MBA	64	39 ▼	42 ▼
38	University of Leeds	Executive MBA	63	40 ▼	37 ▲
39	emlyon business school	Executive MBA	62	41 ▼	40 ▼
40	Temple University	Executive MBA	61	42 ▼	44 ▼
41	Tulane University	Executive MBA	60	20 ▲	17 ▲
42	Purdue University	Executive MBA	59	21 ▲	23 ▲
43	Bayes Business School (City St George's, University of London)	Executive MBA	58	22 ▲	12 ▲
44	Cranfield University	Executive MBA	57	44	39 ▲
45	Case Western Reserve University	Executive MBA	56	45	43 ▲
46	ESIC Business & Marketing School	Executive MBA	55	46	48 ▼
47	Durham University	Executive MBA	54	47	46 ▲
48	University of Nottingham	Executive MBA	53	48	50 ▼
49	University of Florida	Executive MBA	52	49	47 ▲
50	University of Lancaster	Global Executive MBA	51	50	49 ▲

TOP 50 ONLINE MBA



Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	IE University	Spain	100	1	1
2	Imperial College London	UK	99	2	2
3	Indiana University Bloomington	USA	98	4 ▼	5 ▼
4	George Washington University	USA	97	3 ▲	4
5	Deakin University	Australia	96	6 ▼	7 ▼
6	University of Florida	USA	95	5 ▲	3 ▲
7	Northeastern University	USA	94	8 ▼	6 ▲
8	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	USA	93	7 ▲	8 ▲
9	Drexel University	USA	92	9	10 ▼
10	Babson College	USA	91	11 ▼	14 ▼
11	University of London: Royal Holloway	UK	90	10 ▲	11
12	Arizona State University	USA	89	13 ▼	13 ▼
13	University of Warwick	UK	88	12 ▲	9 ▲
14	Virginia Tech	USA	87	15 ▼	12 ▲
15	University of Aston	UK	86	14 ▲	16 ▼
16	Suffolk University	USA	85	16	19 ▼
17	Penn State University	USA	84	18 ▼	18 ▼
18	University of Texas Dallas	USA	83	17 ▲	15 ▲
19	University of Maryland UC	USA	82	19	20 ▼
20	Florida State University	USA	81	21 ▼	23 ▼

TOP 50 ONLINE MBA

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
21	University of Edinburgh	UK	80	20 ▲	17 ▲
22	Educatis	Switzerland	79	23 ▼	27 ▼
23	SBS Business School	Switzerland	78	22 ▲	25 ▼
24	University of Massachusetts - Amherst	USA	77	25 ▼	24
25	North Carolina State University	USA	76	24 ▲	21 ▲
26	Marist College	USA	75	27 ▼	30 ▼
27	University of Derby	UK	74	26 ▲	22 ▲
28	University of Leicester	UK	73	29 ▼	26 ▲
29	University of Michigan Dearbon	USA	72	28 ▲	35 ▼
30	Temple University	USA	71	30	29 ▲
31	Pace University	USA	70	32 ▼	32 ▼
32	Hofstra University	USA	69	31 ▲	28 ▲
33	Syracuse University	USA	68	33	31 ▲
34	Florida International University	USA	67	35 ▼	33 ▲
35	University of Memphis	USA	66	34 ▲	36 ▼
36	University of Nebraska Lincoln	USA	65	37 ▼	39 ▼
37	Ball State University	USA	64	36 ▲	34 ▲
38	Auburn University	USA	63	39 ▼	37 ▲
39	James Madison University	USA	62	38 ▲	42 ▼
40	Athabasca University	Canada	61	40	41 ▼
41	Oxford Brookes University	UK	60	41	38 ▲
42	Walden University	USA	59	42	40 ▲
43	University of Strathclyde	UK	58	43	47 ▼
44	Portland State University	USA	57	44	43 ▲
45	Rowan University	USA	56	45	49 ▼
46	University of Liverpool	UK	55	46	44 ▲
47	EUDE	Spain	54	47	45 ▲
48	Kennesaw State University	USA	53	48	46 ▲
49	Curtin University	Australia	52	50 ▼	48 ▲
50	Robert Gordon University	UK	51	49 ▲	50

TOP 50 FINANCE



TOP 50 FINANCE

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	London School of Economics	UK	100	2 ▼	4 ▼
2	Princeton University	USA	99	1 ▲	3 ▼
3	IE University	Spain	98	3	2 ▲
4	London Business School	UK	97	4	1 ▲
5	MIT	USA	96	7 ▼	7 ▼
6	HEC Paris	France	95	5 ▲	6
7	Oxford University	UK	94	8 ▼	10 ▼
8	Imperial College	UK	93	6 ▲	5 ▲
9	ESCP Europe	Europe	92	9	9
10	EDHEC Business School	France	91	11 ▼	12 ▼
11	Boston College	USA	90	10 ▲	8 ▲
12	Grenoble School of Business	France	89	13 ▼	11 ▲
13	University of Rochester	USA	88	12 ▲	14 ▼
14	George Washington University	USA	87	15 ▼	18 ▼
15	City University	UK	86	14 ▲	13 ▲
16	Vanderbilt University	USA	85	18 ▼	19 ▼
17	Cranfield University	UK	84	16 ▲	16 ▲
18	Purdue University	USA	83	17 ▲	15 ▲
19	ESSEC Business School	France	82	19	17 ▲
20	University of Florida	USA	81	21 ▼	21 ▼

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
21	Texas A&M University	USA	80	20 ▲	22 ▼
22	Nova School of Business & Economics	Portugal	79	23 ▼	25 ▼
23	WU Vienna University	Austria	78	22 ▲	20 ▲
24	Peking University	China	77	24	27 ▼
25	EMLYON Business School	USA	76	25	23 ▲
26	Washington University St Louis	USA	75	27 ▼	26
27	Vlerick Business School	Belgium	74	26 ▲	24 ▲
28	Rotterdam School of Management	Netherlands	73	28	28
29	University of Warwick	UK	72	30 ▼	35 ▼
30	Stockholm School of Economics	Sweden	71	29 ▲	33 ▼
31	Università Bocconi	Italy	70	31	38 ▼
32	University of Bath	UK	69	33 ▼	29 ▲
33	University of Reading	UK	68	32 ▲	39 ▼
34	Ohio State University	USA	67	34	30 ▲
35	University of Lancaster	UK	66	36 ▼	32 ▲
36	University of Maryland College Park	USA	65	35 ▲	31 ▲
37	University of St.Gallen	Switzerland	64	37	37
38	Michigan State University	USA	63	39 ▼	41 ▼
39	University of Nottingham	UK	62	38 ▲	34 ▲
40	University of Illinois UC	USA	61	40	43 ▼
41	University College Dublin	UK	60	41	44 ▼
42	Villanova University	USA	59	43 ▼	46 ▼
43	University of Manchester	UK	58	42 ▲	45 ▼
44	Tulane University	USA	57	45 ▼	40 ▲
45	EADA	Spain	56	44 ▲	36 ▲
46	ESIC	Spain	55	46	42 ▲
47	University of Strathclyde	UK	54	47	48 ▼
48	Northeastern University	USA	53	49 ▼	47 ▲
49	Hofstra University	USA	52	48 ▲	49
50	University of Arizona	USA	51	50	50

TOP 50 MARKETING



TOP 50 MARKETING

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	Imperial College	UK	100	3 ▼	13 ▼
2	Columbia University	USA	99	1 ▲	8 ▼
3	Northwestern University	USA	98	4 ▼	15 ▼
4	HEC Paris	France	97	2 ▲	1 ▲
5	New York University	USA	96	6 ▼	7 ▼
6	ESADE Business School	Spain	95	5 ▲	2 ▲
7	Copenhagen Business School	Denmark	94	9 ▼	3 ▲
8	Johns Hopkins University	USA	93	11 ▼	10 ▼
9	City University London	UK	92	10 ▼	6 ▲
10	EBS Business School	Germany	91	7 ▲	4 ▲
11	University of Melbourne	Australia	90	12 ▼	9 ▲
12	ESSEC Business School	France	89	15 ▼	11 ▲
13	University of Manchester	UK	88	13	12 ▲
14	City University of Hong Kong	China	87	16 ▼	18 ▼
15	Griffith University	Australia	86	14 ▲	14 ▲
16	Texas A&M University	USA	85	17 ▼	16
17	Bentley University	USA	84	18 ▼	20 ▼
18	EADA	Spain	83	8 ▲	5 ▲
19	Vlerick Management School	Belgium	82	20 ▼	21 ▼
20	BI Norwegian Business School	Norway	81	21 ▼	22 ▼

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
21	Cranfield University	UK	80	19 ▲	17 ▲
22	University of Bath	UK	79	22	24 ▼
23	Maastricht University	Netherlands	78	24 ▼	19 ▲
24	University of Stirling	UK	77	23 ▲	26 ▼
25	Monash University	Australia	76	25	28 ▼
26	Brunel University	UK	75	26	31 ▼
27	Erasmus University Rotterdam	Netherlands	74	27	25 ▲
28	University of Glasgow	UK	73	28	33 ▼
29	Clemson University	USA	72	29	27 ▲
30	SKEMA Business School	France	71	30	23 ▲
31	King's College London	UK	70	31	39 ▼
32	ESCP Europe	Europe	69	32	29 ▲
33	Stockholm University	Sweden	68	33	30 ▲
34	University of Leeds	UK	67	34	34
35	Aalto University	Finland	66	35	32 ▲
36	Lancaster University	UK	65	36	37 ▼
37	University of Aston	UK	64	37	38 ▼
38	University of Newcastle	Australia	63	38	40 ▼
39	ESIC	Spain	62	39	41 ▼
40	University of Edinburgh	UK	61	40	43 ▼
41	University of Reading	UK	60	41	35 ▲
42	University of Strathclyde	UK	59	42	36 ▲
43	University College Dublin	UK	58	43	45 ▼
44	ISCTE Business School	Portugal	57	44	42 ▲
45	University of Sydney	Australia	56	45	46 ▼
46	University of Nottingham	UK	55	46	48 ▼
47	Florida State University	USA	54	47	44 ▲
48	EAE Business School	Spain	53	48	50 ▼
49	Fordham University	USA	52	49	49
50	University of Cincinnati	USA	51	50	47 ▲

TOP 50 MANAGEMENT



Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
1	IE University	Spain	100	1	2 ▼
2	Imperial College	UK	99	2	3 ▼
3	London School of Economics	UK	98	4 ▼	5 ▼
4	MIT	USA	97	3 ▲	4
5	ESADE Business School	Spain	96	6 ▼	7 ▼
6	HEC Paris	France	95	5 ▲	1 ▲
7	Duke University	USA	94	8 ▼	11 ▼
8	University of St.Gallen	Switzerland	93	7 ▲	6 ▲
9	ESCP Europe	France	92	12 ▼	13 ▼
10	Rotterdam School of Management	Netherlands	91	11 ▼	9 ▲
11	Mannheim Business School	Germany	90	10 ▲	10 ▲
12	ESSEC Business School	France	89	9 ▲	8 ▲
13	EMLYON Business School	France	88	14 ▼	17 ▼
14	Grenoble Graduate SOB	France	87	13 ▲	12 ▲
15	University of Warwick	UK	86	19 ▼	16 ▼
16	Copenhagen Business School	Denmark	85	17 ▼	19 ▼
17	University of Edinburgh	UK	84	15 ▲	14 ▲
18	HHL Leipzig Graduate School	Germany	83	16 ▲	15 ▲
19	University College London	UK	82	20 ▼	23 ▼
20	HEC Montreal	Canada	81	18 ▲	21 ▼

TOP 50 MANAGEMENT

Rank	University	Country	Score	2025	2024
21	City University London	UK	80	22 ▼	18 ▲
22	Télécom Business School	France	79	21 ▲	20 ▲
23	IAG-Louvain	Belgium	78	24 ▼	22 ▲
24	University of Reading	UK	77	23 ▲	26 ▼
25	Aarhus University	Denmark	76	26 ▼	25
26	Bordeaux University	France	75	25 ▲	28 ▼
27	Lancaster University	UK	74	28 ▼	31 ▼
28	Catholic University of Portugal	Portugal	73	27 ▲	30 ▼
29	Edhec Business School	France	72	30 ▼	33 ▼
30	Norwegian School of Economics	Norway	71	29 ▲	24 ▲
31	Politecnico di Milano	Italy	70	32 ▼	27 ▲
32	Vlerick Business School	Belgium	69	31 ▲	35 ▼
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38	Antwerp Management School	Belgium	63	37 ▲	40 ▼
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40	Università Bocconi	Italy	61	39 ▲	42 ▼
41	BI Norwegian School of Management	Norway	60	43 ▼	43 ▼
42	Bradford University	UK	59	40 ▲	45 ▼
43	University of Cologne	Germany	58	45 ▼	47 ▼
44	Warsaw School of Management	UK	57	41 ▲	48 ▼
45	Aston University	UK	56	44 ▲	36 ▲
46	Boston University	USA	55	47 ▼	
47	Georgetown University	USA	54	46 ▲	
48	Arizona State University	USA	53	49 ▼	50 ▼
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RANKING METHODOLOGY

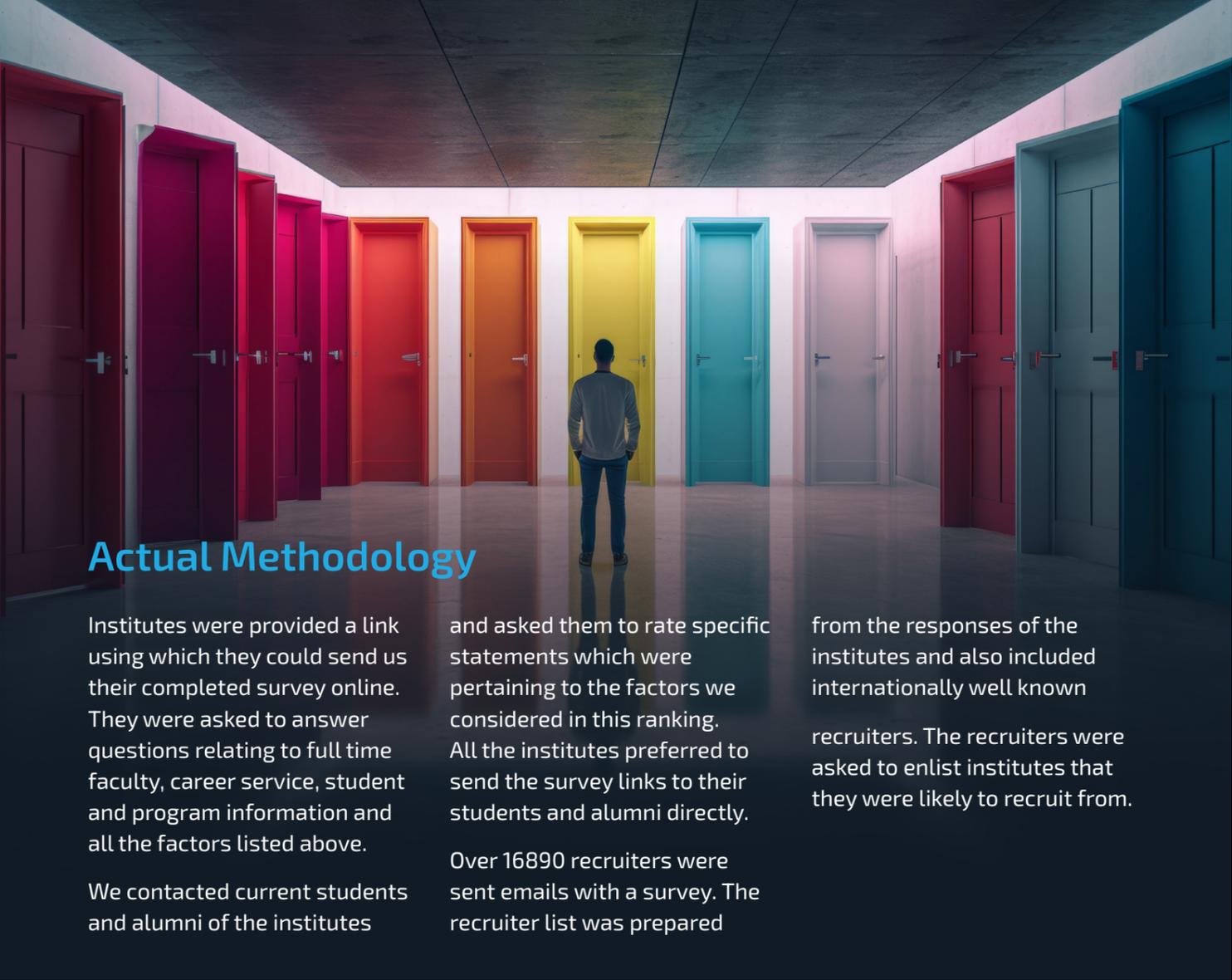
How did we choose institutes?

We chose 1890 institutes across the world after having discussions with students, recruiters and faculty. We also consulted professional organizations such as AMBA, EQUIS and AACSB. Youth Inc's Research Unit (YRU) also studied domestic rankings in various countries to find the best institutes.

All the institutes were sent identical surveys. We then contacted current students, alumni as well as local and international recruiters and gathered specific information about the institutes.

Factors considered

- ☑ **Recruiter Perception** – Identical surveys were sent to recruiters worldwide. The recruiters were asked to rate the institutes that they were most likely to recruit from. The recruiters were also asked to rate the students they have recruited from specific business schools on several criteria including leadership potential and strategic thinking.
- ☑ **Diversity of Students** – The institutes were asked to report the total number of students on campus and what percentage of the students were international and speak two or more languages. Gender diversity of the students was also considered.
- ☑ **Diversity of Faculty** – The institutes were asked to report the total number of faculty on campus and what percentage of the faculty was international, hold a doctorate degree and accredited with their own publishing material. Gender diversity of faculty was also considered.
- ☑ **Innovation of Programs** – We considered the different ways to construct degree programs as well as the choice students have in terms of selecting electives.
- ☑ **Innovation in Teaching Methodologies** – Institutes were asked to select different teaching methodologies that we considered innovative. Some of these included company visits, dual or multiple majors and course collaborations between different departments at the institute. Our list was selected after surveying students across different campuses worldwide.
- ☑ **Value for Money** – We considered students and alumni opinions on whether a particular institute was perceived as 'value for money'. We also asked institutes to state the percentage of students who received some sort of funding from the institutes.
- ☑ **Campus Support** – We asked the institutes, current students and alumni to select the different types of assistance provided by the student office or a similar body on campus. Our list was selected after surveying students across different campuses worldwide.
- ☑ **Career Service** – We asked the institutes, current students and alumni about the availability and functioning of a career service cell and how active such a service was for the students. We also considered what percentage of students were actually placed through the institute's career service cell, how long it took for such placements and what the average starting salaries were.
- ☑ **Exchange Programs** – Institutes were asked to report the percentage of students that opted for exchange programs. We also considered the exchange students present on the institute's campus.
- ☑ **Student Satisfaction** – Current students and alumni were asked to rate their institutes on various factors including career services, attitude of staff and professors, location, and course content.



Actual Methodology

Institutes were provided a link using which they could send us their completed survey online. They were asked to answer questions relating to full time faculty, career service, student and program information and all the factors listed above.

We contacted current students and alumni of the institutes

and asked them to rate specific statements which were pertaining to the factors we considered in this ranking. All the institutes preferred to send the survey links to their students and alumni directly.

Over 16890 recruiters were sent emails with a survey. The recruiter list was prepared

from the responses of the institutes and also included internationally well known recruiters. The recruiters were asked to enlist institutes that they were likely to recruit from.

Below is a summary of the factors and the weightage given to each factor when we ranked the institutes:

	Information reported by the institute	Information reported by current students	Information reported by alumni
Diversity of Students	2%	2%	2%
Diversity of Faculty	2%	2%	2%
Innovation of Programs	2%	2%	2%
Innovation in Teaching Methodologies	2%	2%	2%
Value for Money	2%	2%	2%
Campus Support	2%	2%	2%
Career Service	4%	4%	4%
Exchange Programs	2%	2%	2%
Student Satisfaction	2%	2%	2%
	20%	20%	20%

Information reported by recruiters

Recall of institute where to recruit from	10%
Likelihood of recruiting from same institute again	10%
Overall satisfaction with students recruited	10%
Satisfaction with institute career cell	10%
	40%

Each factor was made up of a set of questions. The total percentage attributed to that factor was based on the average score of the responses multiplied by the assigned weight-age. We then totalled the score from all factors and sorted the scores from highest to lowest. The institute with the highest score was ranked 1st.

Not just numbers!

After we received the total computed scores for the institutes, we subjectively analyzed the data provided by the institutes, current students, alumni and recruiters. If we found discrepancies in the satisfaction scores and the

subjective descriptions, we omitted the data.

Institutes that did not fill out the survey reports in time

Out of the institutes that were contacted, 143 institutes did not complete the survey on time

or did not respond. We used publicly available information on the institutes to include some of them in our ranking. We also contacted current students, alumni and recruiters of these institutes and compared the data we received with the data from institutes that did participate.

Special notes

- ☑ **Masters in Finance** – The programs include the pre-experience as well as the post-experience Masters programs. The ranking also includes the programs which are recently established.
- ☑ **Masters in Management** – Certain Masters of Management programs with specializations are also included in the ranking.
- ☑ **Masters in Marketing** – Combination courses of Marketing with communication and other fields are also included in the ranking.
- ☑ **Online MBA** – Certain factors such as Campus Support and Exchange Programs were omitted in the factors considered for the ranking.
- ☑ **Executive MBA** - Certain factors such as Campus Support and Exchange Programs were omitted in the factors considered for the ranking.

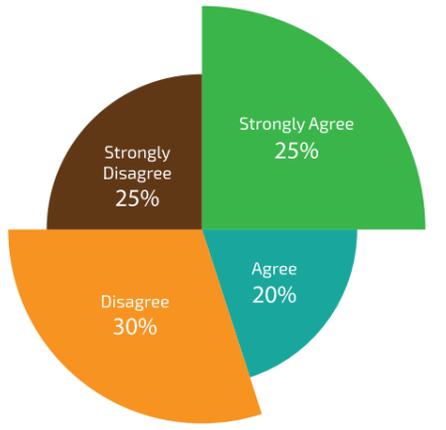
STUDENT FEEDBACK

This is what the students had to say...

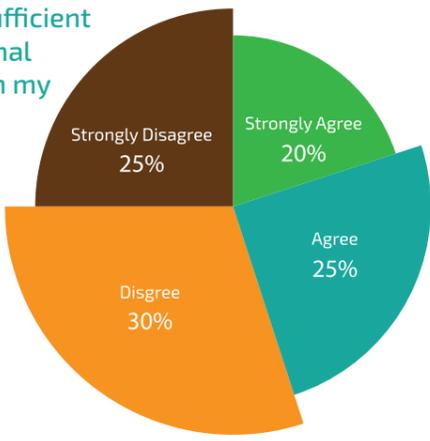
Diversity of Students

Rank	Institution	Country
1	MIT	USA
2	IESE	Spain
3	University of Chicago	USA
4	Columbia University	USA
5	Stanford University	USA
6	IE University	Spain
7	New York University	USA
8	INSEAD	France
9	Cornell University	USA
10	University of Pennsylvania	USA

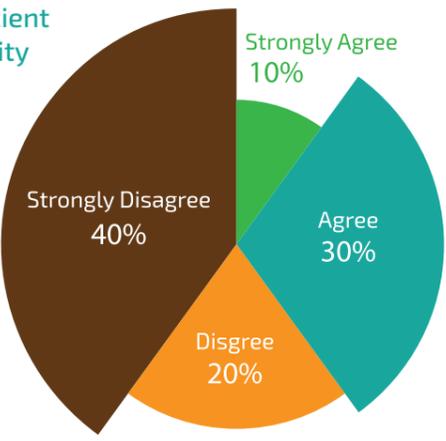
My classmates enhance my learning experience by contributing to class discussions



There is sufficient international diversity in my class



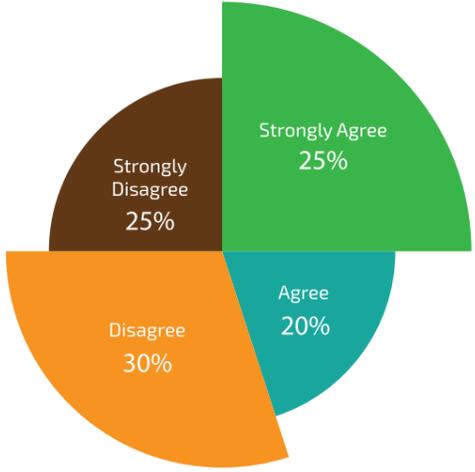
There is sufficient gender diversity in my class



Diversity of Faculty

Rank	Institution	Country
1	INSEAD	France
2	Cambridge University	UK
3	Harvard University	USA
4	Duke University	USA
5	IE University	Spain
6	Northwestern University	USA
7	Oxford University	UK
8	Carnegie Mellon University	USA
9	University of Pennsylvania	USA
10	London Business School	UK

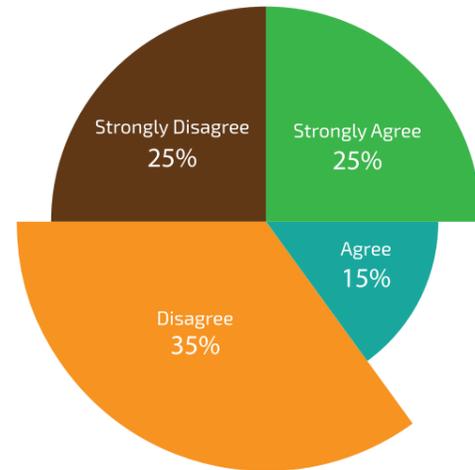
My teaching faculty are diverse and come from different countries



Innovation of programs

The programs taught in my institute are innovative and include company visits

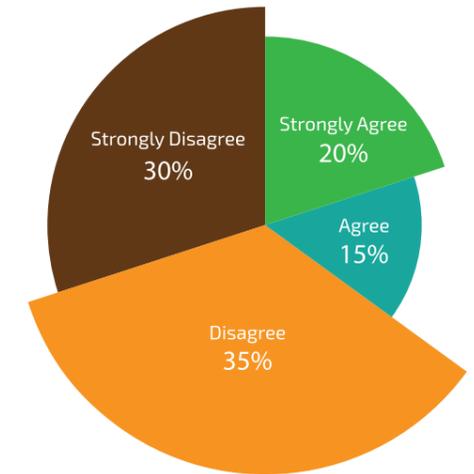
Rank	Institution	Country
1	INSEAD	France
2	Yale University	USA
3	Stanford University	USA
4	London Business School	UK
5	University of Pennsylvania	USA
6	Carnegie Mellon University	USA
7	IE University	Spain
8	Monash University	Australia
9	Harvard University	USA
10	HEC Paris	France



Value for Money

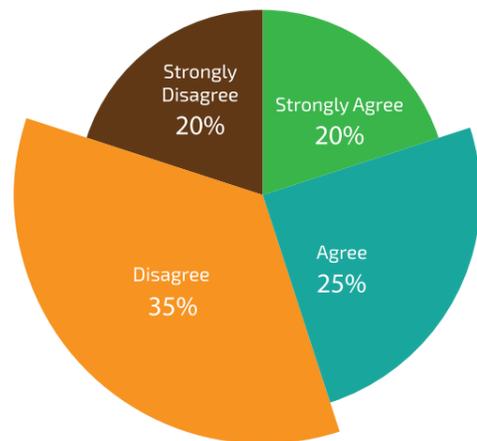
I feel that my institution provides value for the money I paid.

Rank	Institution	Country
1	IE University	Spain
2	University of Toronto	Canada
3	IIM Ahmedabad	India
4	National University Singapore	Singapore
5	Duke University	USA
6	Indian School of Business	India
7	McGill University	Canada
8	University of Hong Kong	China
9	SP Jain Institute of Management	India
10	IIM Calcutta	India



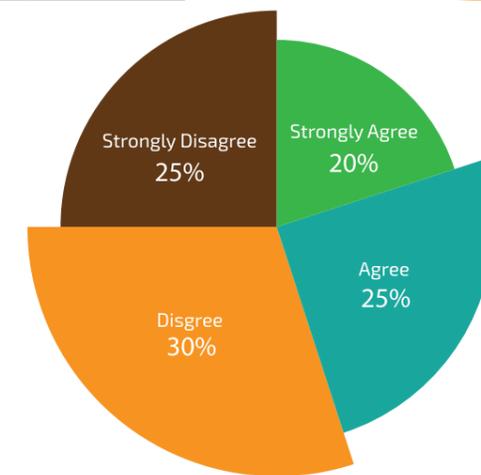
Innovation of teaching methodologies

Most teaching faculty often use innovative ways to teach subjects.



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1	Stanford University	USA
2	IE University	Spain
3	MIT	USA
4	Columbia University	USA
5	University of Chicago	USA
6	Carnegie Mellon University	USA
7	IESE	Spain
8	National University of Singapore	Singapore
9	University of California at Berkeley	USA
10	Harvard University	USA

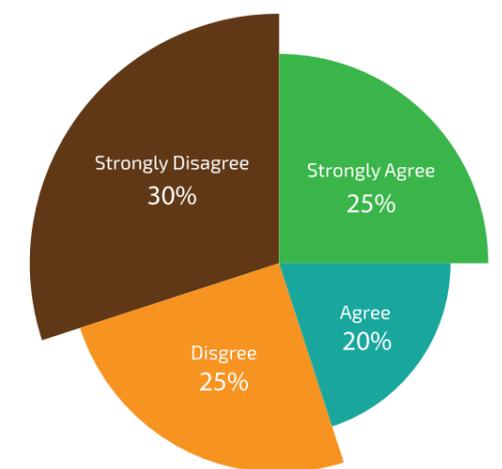
I feel that my institution provides value for the money I paid.



Campus Support

My institution provides very good campus support including housing.

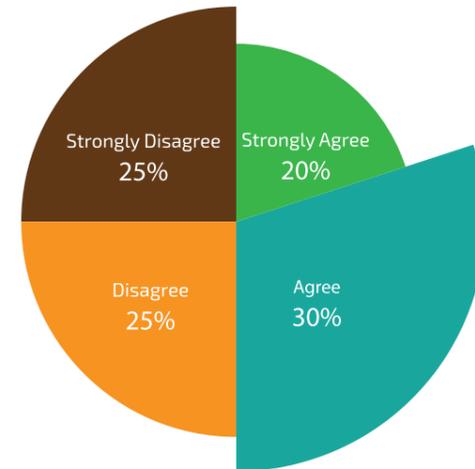
Rank	Institution	Country
1	MIT	USA
2	ESADE	Spain
3	University of Chicago	USA
4	Stanford University	USA
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7	Harvard University	USA
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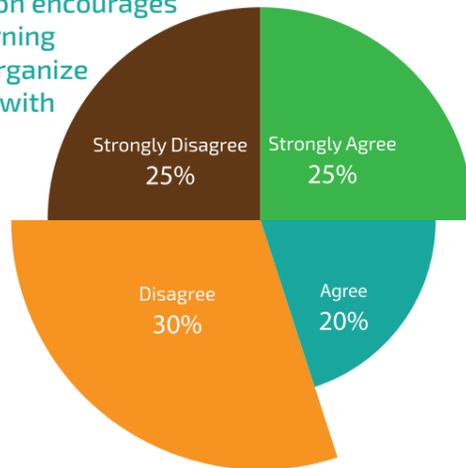
Career Service

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Stanford University	USA
2	IE University	Spain
3	Cornell University	USA
4	University of Virginia	USA
5	Harvard University	USA
6	New York University	USA
7	Dartmouth College	USA
8	Columbia University	USA
9	University of Chicago	USA
10	IIM Ahmedabad	India

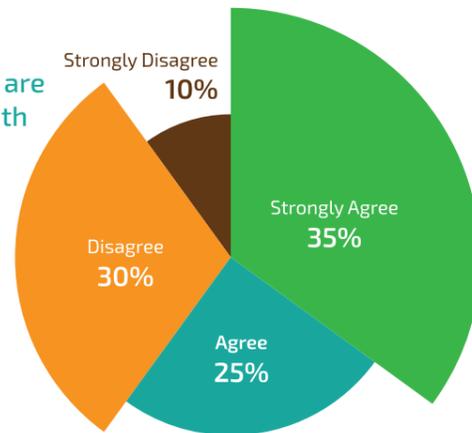
My institution has a career service cell and is well known with recruiters



My institution encourages real life learning and helps organize internships with companies.



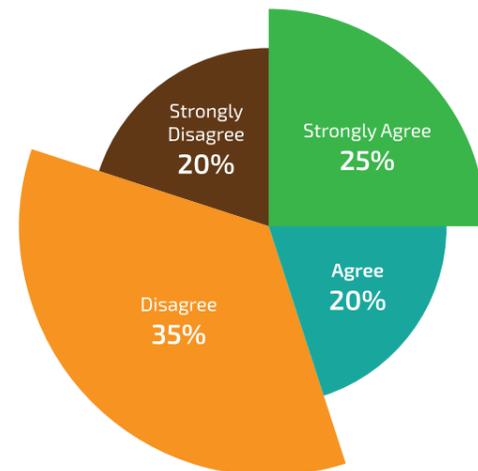
The alumni are engaged with the career service cell



Extracurricular Activities on campus

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Stanford University	USA
2	Yale University	USA
3	Harvard University	USA
4	McGill University	Canada
5	Duke University	USA
6	University of Chicago	USA
7	MIT	USA
8	Dartmouth College	USA
9	New York University	USA
10	University of Virginia	USA

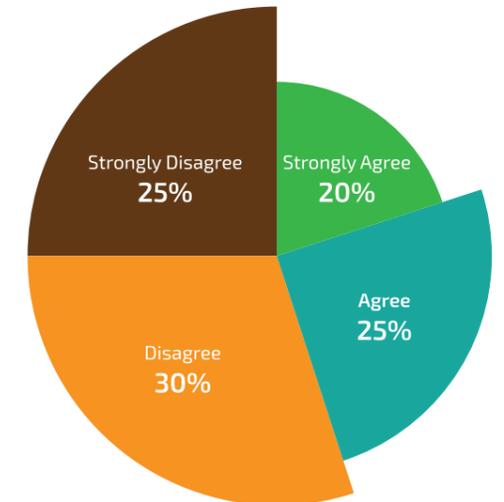
My institution encourages me to participate in extracurricular activities.



Exchange Programs

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Harvard University	USA
2	INSEAD	France
3	Columbia University	USA
4	London Business School	UK
5	University of Chicago	USA
6	IE University	Spain
7	Cornell University	USA
8	HEC Paris	France
9	Dartmouth College	USA
10	IIM Ahmedabad	India

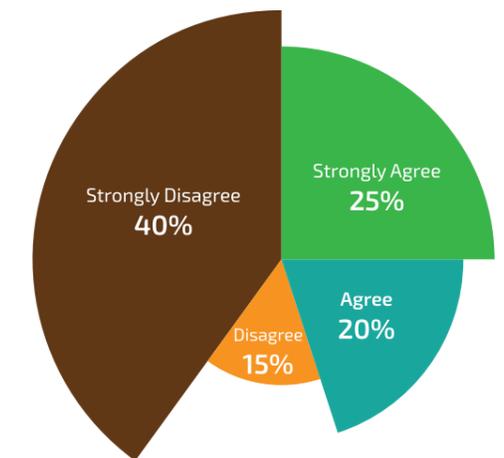
My institution has many exchange programs with other institutions and I have taken or will take part in such exchange programs.



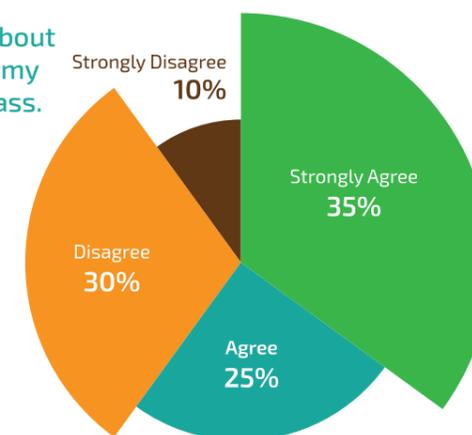
Student Satisfaction

Rank	Institution	Country
1	Stanford University	USA
2	London Business School	UK
3	IE University	Spain
4	University of Chicago	USA
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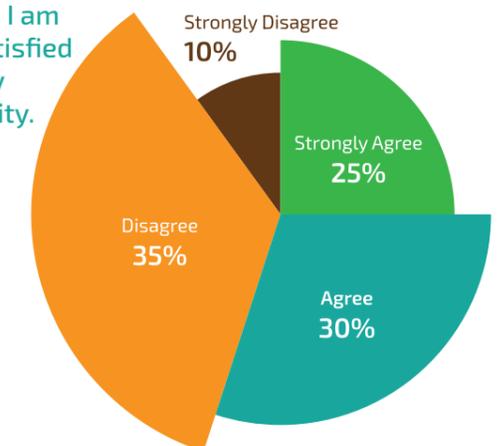
The teaching faculty at my institution are very receptive to discussions, questions and new ideas.



I feel that the faculty care about me and value my opinions in class.



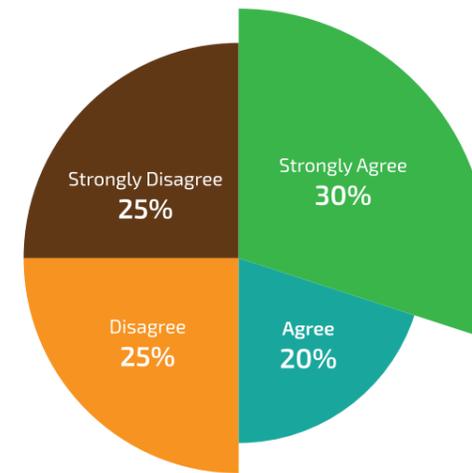
Overall, I am very satisfied with my university.



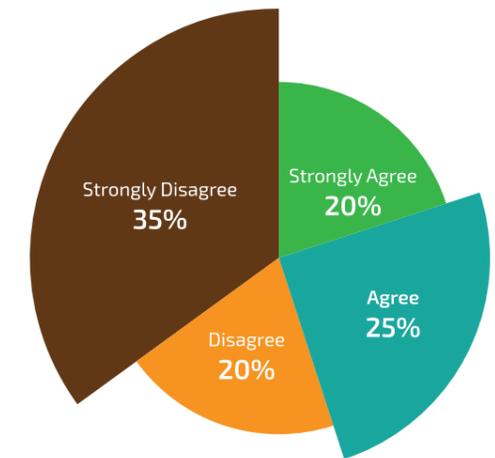
Recruiter Satisfaction

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1	Stanford University	USA
2	IESE	Spain
3	University of Pennsylvania	USA
4	IIM Ahmedabad	India
5	London Business School	UK
6	IE University	Spain
7	Harvard University	USA
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I feel that my education at the institute was worth the money I spent.



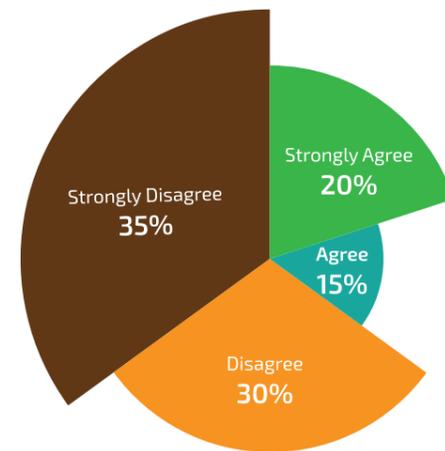
The career management center met my expectations in regards to my job search



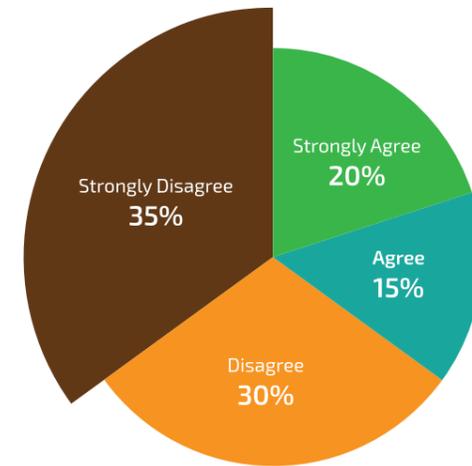
Alumni Satisfaction

Rank	Institution	Country
1	London Business School	UK
2	University of Pennsylvania	USA
3	Stanford University	USA
4	IESE	Spain
5	Harvard University	USA
6	Cornell University	USA
7	IIM Ahmedabad	India
8	Columbia University	USA
9	University of Virginia	USA
10	INSEAD	France

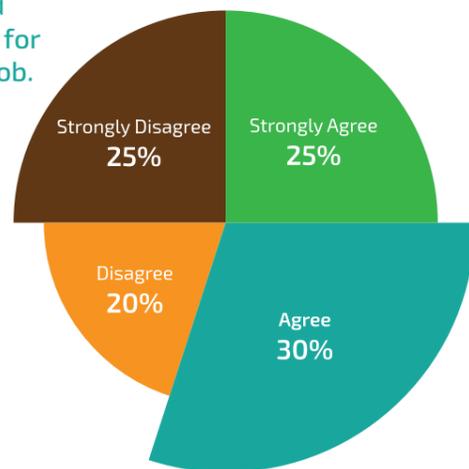
The curriculum that I studied included sufficient courses on Ethics.



There were an adequate number of firms which recruited from my campus.



The curriculum that I studied prepared me for my existing job.



I feel that my institute honed my leadership skills.

