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Northumbria University has been named as the best new university in the UK – by The Times newspaper

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The University comes in at 49th position, overtaking the University of Wales Institute Cardiff, in *The Times Good University Guide*.

The guide ranks universities based on their performance in a range of categories including teaching, research, entry standards and graduate prospects.

Rank	Last year Rank	Institution	Teaching assessment	Research assessment	Entry standards	Student-staff ratio	Library/computing spend	Facilities spend	Good honours	Graduate prospects	Completion	Total
=26	=22	Aston	21.7	5.0	313.4	15.9	891	308	85.3	71.9	89.3	758
=26	25	Southampton	21.8	5.8	359.2	15.1	891	212	88.7	63.8	94.0	758
28	=34	Aberdeen	22.4	4.7	339.8	15.5	720	201	87.5	72.3	82.6	754
29	27	Essex	22.5	5.8	296.5	15.5	849	294	53.5	59.7	85.3	753
30	24	Lancaster	22.1	5.8	345.7	19.7	854	282	85.2	53.2	94.1	743
31	33	Queens, Belfast	21.9	4.9	350.4	17.7	457	301	59.6	74.5	91.0	732
32	37	Strathclyde	22.7	4.7	381.0	17.3	535	159	88.9	63.4	84.7	731
33	38	East Anglia	21.5	5.4	349.8	15.9	594	352	85.8	54.2	92.2	725
34	=31	Exeter	22.0	5.2	359.0	18.5	578	120	88.5	59.5	95.1	724
35	=31	Keele	22.0	4.8	306.8	15.6	451	154	55.2	72.3	95.8	715
36	46	Heriot-Watt	22.5	4.7	382.7	14.4	528	232	50.9	56.8	81.5	712
37	39	Sussex	21.3	5.5	333.3	17.2	801	283	89.7	61.8	85.6	711
38	=34	Leeds	21.5	5.3	384.0	17.8	563	148	87.3	66.6	93.4	709
39	30	Reading	21.8	5.3	315.2	15.4	591	175	84.8	59.4	89.2	707
40	38	Stirling	22.5	4.8	317.1	18.2	573	214	88.9	45.3	88.2	703
41	41	Liverpool	21.9	5.2	332.7	15.2	500	180	81.8	65.8	91.4	701
42	50	Swansea	22.1	4.8	275.1	15.5	495	209	57.1	65.8	89.1	699
43	43	Brunel	21.9	4.3	286.6	18.8	555	285	85.8	60.5	87.5	697
44	42	Queen Mary	21.8	5.0	289.8	12.5	581	185	59.3	69.4	90.6	694
45	40	Surrey	20.8	5.4	311.5	15.5	517	272	58.6	74.1	90.2	693
46	44	Kent	21.2	4.8	305.8	18.3	575	150	58.8	66.8	87.8	682
=47	52	Hull	22.2	4.3	283.8	19.1	422	185	58.3	61.9	85.3	665
=47	47	Bradford	21.1	4.4	280.9	18.8	518	274	53.8	81.5	94.5	655
49	48	Northumbria	22.1	2.3	280.6	18.3	638	259	49.2	66.1	84.1	649
50	49	Aberystwyth	21.4	4.5	290.6	21.8	538	249	82.6	56.1	90.4	648

[Table from /www.timesonline.co.uk]

Excellent teaching quality as well as investment in student facilities helped to secure Northumbria the top slot. Northumbria students also enjoy a higher-than-average staff student ratio and graduates enjoy better employment prospects than most others.

Professor Kel Fidler, Vice-Chancellor of Northumbria University, said: "This result sets Northumbria apart as the leading modern university in the UK and is a significant achievement in an increasingly competitive arena.



“It is a compliment to the quality of our teaching and the deep-seated culture within Northumbria of providing the best possible support for our students.”

In the individual subject tables, *nursing* and librarianship and information management are ranked in the top ten and others including food science, architecture, art and design and drama feature in the top 20.

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For more information about the programme, please visit www.informaticsgroup.com/programmes/nursing

About Northumbria University

Northumbria University is a large metropolitan university, first established as a polytechnic in 1969 and inaugurated as a university on 1 September 1992. The largely modularised curriculum is delivered to almost 22,000 students about 15,000 of who are full-time. The remainder study on a wide range of part-time and short courses.

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