



University of Crete still makes the grade

The 2018 *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings*(WUR), published on 5 September 2017, ranks University of Crete (UoC) 351-400 this year out of 1102 institutions worldwide. UoC maintains its leading position within Greece - first out of the 7 institutions included in this ranking.

The *THE* World University Rankings, now in their 13th year, focus on a selected frame of the world's research intensive universities rather than the total global 'pool' of over 20,000 Higher Education Institutions. 13 indicators are used to measure the performance of these leading research universities in teaching, research output and impact, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The numbers of institutions ranked in 2018 is larger than ever, with increasing representation from S.E.Asia, particularly China. The associated increase in Top World Scores goes some way to explaining the shift downwards in the UoC's ranking band, from 301-350 out of 980 worldwide in the 2017 *THE* WUR, rather than a drop in UoC 'performance' per se. Indeed for citations, used to indicate research impact and influence, the UoC ranks 144 worldwide in the 2018 *THE* WUR (up from 146 worldwide last year).

The continued presence of the University of Crete in this prestigious ranking recognizes the achievements of UoC scholars and scientists, young & old, under difficult circumstances, and is to be celebrated.

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