

Universities of Medellin and their impact on the SDG.

Universities are from their essence organizations in charge of strengthening and improving the welfare of societies, for this they have various projects and programs focused on providing services of (research, continuing education, teaching, consulting, among others).

The British organization specializing in education Times Higher Education (THE) since 2019 has carried out an annual ranking of **the impact of universities in relation to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**; which constitute a universal call to end poverty, protect the planet and improve the lives of all the people around the world. For the 2022 version, around 1,500 universities from 110 countries **were invited to participate voluntarily**.

This exercise can be beneficial for universities, since it allows them to discover strengths both in research and in social projection, as well as making it easier for them to find allies. **For the Colombian case, 22 universities were part of the exercise, five (5) of them are from the city of Medellin.**

In order to highlight the work of some of them, we summarize the ranking information at the local level. 18 boxes are presented below, the first contains a general ranking of the institutions of Medellin, the following contains the qualifications of the universities, compared to the 17 SDGs

In this way, each of the tables displays an SDG and will show two positions of the universities: the first accounts for the position held at the national level, that is, the efforts made about that SDG compared to the other universities in Colombia; the second shows the position that the University held globally with respect to the SDG. Up to position number 100, the ranking places the institutions in a specific place. From position 101 onwards, the universities do not obtain an exact score, but the classification is located in intervals that have been defined by the THE organization.

General Ranking

2°	EAFIT University	301-400
5°	CES University	601-800
9°	UPB	601-800
17°	University of Medellín	+1001
21°	ITM	+1001

National Ranking		World Ranking
1°	CES University	101-200
3°	ITM	101-200
5°	EAFIT University	201-300
2°	CES University	101-200
3°	EAFIT University	201-300
2°	CES University	301-400
14°	EAFIT University	801-1000
6°	EAFIT University	601-800
9°	CES University	801-1000
11°	University of Medellín	801-1000
1°	CES University	201-300
6°	ITM	401-600
8°	EAFIT University	601-800
11°	University of Medellín	+801

SDG	National Ranking	World Ranking
6 Clear Water and Sanitation	2° EAFIT University 3° CES University 11° University of Medellín	92 201-300 401-600
7 Affordable and Clean Energy	1° UPB 2° EAFIT University 6° CES University	101-200 201-300 +601
8 Decent Work and Economic Growth	2° CES University 4° EAFIT University 13° ITM	401-600 401-600 +801
9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	1° EAFIT University 3° CES University	201-300 401-600
10 Reduced inequalities	2° CES University 4° EAFIT University	401-600 401-600
11 Sustainable Cities and Communities	2° EAFIT University 3° CES University	201-300 401-600
12 Responsible Consumption and Production	1° EAFIT University 2° UPB 4° CES University 12° University of Medellín	85 101-200 201-300 401-600
13 Climate Action	2° EAFIT University 3° CES University 4° UPB	101-200 201-300 201-300
14 Life Below Water	1° EAFIT University	101-200
15 Life on Land	1° EAFIT University 4° CES University 5° UPB	101-200 201-300 201-300
16 Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	6° CES University 7° EAFIT University 8° University of Medellín	301-400 301-400 401-600
17 Partnerships For The Goals	1° EAFIT University 4° CES University 14° UPB 21° ITM 22° University of Medellín	201-300 401-600 601-800 801-1000 1001+

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This classification makes possible to show the effort that universities have made to contribute to the present and future well-being of communities; therefore, we highlight this work, especially that of the ITM, (the only public institution located in the ranking) and attached to the Office of the Mayor of Medellín, which stood out in the SDGs # 3 of ending poverty, # 5 gender equality and # 8 decent work and economic growth.

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