

UC Santa Barbara excels in new global ranking for engineering and technology

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UC Santa Barbara has been ranked 17th among the world's universities for engineering and technology in a list released today by Times Higher Education (THE).

"It's gratifying to see our College of Engineering ranked so highly amongst all of the colleges in the world, and especially interesting that we're the only UC school besides Berkeley in the top 30," said UC Santa Barbara's Acting Dean of Engineering, Larry Coldren.

To compile the 2010-2011 rankings, THE drew on a variety of performance indicators that fall into five broad categories: teaching, research, citations, industry income and international mix, with UC Santa Barbara scoring particularly highly in the last three categories.

This year's table of the top 50 engineering and technology universities is dominated by US institutions, with California universities doing particularly well. Caltech topped the list and Stanford and UC Berkeley also made the top five.

Times Higher Education completely overhauled its methodology for this year's World University Rankings and switched to data supplied by Thomson Reuters. The rankings include an overall Top 200 list (released last week, with UC Santa Barbara at number 29) and Top 50 tables for specific subject areas such as engineering and technology.

The rankings "are now based more on objective measures and less on subjective reputation," THE says, and "should be viewed as a correction" to previous listings (which hadn't included UC Santa Barbara among the top 50 engineering and information technology universities for 2009 or 2008).

"This objective ranking, which is based upon excellence rather than opinion, and includes some normalization for size, enables a younger program such as ours to be judged more fairly," Coldren said.

For more information on the rankings, visit:

[THE World University Rankings - Top 50 Engineering & Technology universities](#)

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computational engineering, materials science, nanotechnology, and physics. It boasts a uniquely interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial culture. The college's faculty includes two of the university's five Nobel Laureates, 15 National Academy of Engineering members, five National Academy of Sciences members, two Royal Society fellows and a recipient of the prestigious Millennium Technology Prize.