Eighteen months after its creation, IMT Atlantique has featured in the prestigious 2019 T.H.E. World University Ranking (1) and been ranked among the world's top universities.

Created on 1 January 2017 through the merger of the Telecom Bretagne and Mines Nantes engineering schools, IMT Atlantique is now one of the few French engineering schools to appear in benchmark international academic rankings. The T.H.E. World University Ranking 2019 placed the school among the 400 best universities in the world. This result attests to the quality of teaching and research at IMT Atlantique and confirms the school's international aspirations – it already appeared in Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects in 2017.

IMT Atlantique is one of eight schools of Institut Mines-Telecom, administered by the Ministry of Industry and Digital Affairs. IMT is a national technological institute of a federal nature and embodies benchmark expertise in the major transitions of the 21st century. It places its schools in optimal conditions for fulfilling this role both on a local level and in some cases with an international scope. In this context, IMT Atlantique trains 2300 students (including 1500 engineering students, 300 doctoral students and 300 master's students) and intends to establish itself as a leader in digital, energy and environmental transitions, and as a world ranking Technological University. To achieve this, the school has written an ambitious Strategic Plan 2023, which aims in particular to place IMT Atlantique among the best 500 universities in the world. Not even two years after its creation, the work undertaken by the school is being rewarded by its placement in the most prestigious rankings, fully confirming both its stature and its ambitions.

IMT Atlantique is listed as one of the world’s leading universities.

The T.H.E. general ranking (the Times Higher Education World University Ranking), published on Wednesday 26 September, placed IMT Atlantique among the top 400 universities in the world (ranked 351 out of 400), a first for an establishment from the IMT group. This result places IMT Atlantique as the third top engineering school in France and the first in Western France.

In the five categories assessing performance, IMT Atlantique was placed as follows:

- Teaching (learning environment): in the top 50% worldwide
- Research (volume, income and reputation): in the top 50% worldwide
- Citations (research influence): in the top 50% worldwide
- International outlook (staff, students and research): in the top 25% worldwide, with an outstanding percentage of foreign students (99.8%)
- Industry income (knowledge transfer): in the top 25% worldwide
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This result comes a few months after IMT featured in ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2018, in the four categories corresponding to the school's areas of excellence in research: Telecommunication Engineering [151/200], Electrical & electronic Engineering [201-300], Computer Science Engineering [301/400] and Physics [301/400]. IMT Atlantique was also listed in the U-Multirank 2018 Ranking where it was placed in the Top25 worldwide for its publications co-authored with industry partners.

Recognition of the results of IMT Atlantique's research

In order to reinforce the school's international aspirations and establish its name and that of IMT, since its creation IMT Atlantique has placed particular emphasis on international rankings, which serve the strategy of both the school and IMT very effectively. These international rankings rely especially on recorded research results, an area in which the school excels. A stakeholder in forty European projects and the coordinator of several of these, the school pilots twelve industry and academic chairs and publishes over 700 pieces of academic literature a year. IMT Atlantique also supports forty start-ups in its incubator. The school is currently deploying its new generalist engineering course, which covers five major themes: Energy, Nuclear and Environmental Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Computer Science & Networks; Industrial Engineering; and Health Engineering.

(1) The Times Higher Education World University Ranking is considered one of the most influential university rankings in the world and the most pertinent for French engineering grandes écoles, due to its methodology and criteria. The ranking involves all world universities, whatever their field, and is published each year in the Times Higher Education (THE) Magazine, in which it is the primary ranking. It is put together in collaboration with Elsevier and is based on thirteen indicators, grouped in five categories, including teaching (which counts for 30% of the overall score), research (30%) and citations (30%).

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About IMT Atlantique Bretagne-Pays de la Loire

IMT Atlantique is a grande école generalist engineering school (ranked in the A+ group of the top ten schools in the French magazine L'Etudiant ranking), and internationally recognised for its research (placed in four categories of the ShanghaiRanking). It is part of the Institut Mines-Télécom and is administered by the Ministry of Industry and Digital Affairs.

With campuses in Brest, Nantes and Rennes, and one incubator present on the three campuses, as well as a site in Toulouse, the vision of IMT Atlantique is to bring together digital technology, energy and the environment to transform society and industry through training, research and innovation, and to be the leading French institution of higher education and research working in this sector on the international scene.

From September 2018, IMT Atlantique boasts a new generalist engineering course. Students are recruited through the Mines-Ponts competitive entry exam. The school also offers two engineering degrees by apprenticeship, master’s degrees, specialist master’s degrees and doctorates.

IMT Atlantique’s programme is built on cutting-edge research carried out in six joint research units under its trusteeship: The Laboratory for Process Engineering for Environment and Food (GEPEA), the Research Institute of Computer Science and Random Systems (IRISA), the Laboratory of Medical Information Processing (LATIM), Laboratory of communication science and technology (LABSTICC), the Nantes Laboratory of Digital Sciences (LS2N) and the Laboratory of Subatomic Physics and Related Technologies (SUBATECH) (with the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), the French Institute for Research in Computer Science (INRIA), the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM), universities or engineering schools). The school draws on its research excellence in its flagship areas (energy and digital technology; cybersecurity; the environment and digital technology; industry of the future; nuclear technology; health and digital technology; and risks and interactions) coupled with scientific disciplines in order to meet the challenges of tomorrow: digital transition, environmental transition, industrial transition, energy transition, healthcare of the future and primary research.

The school is a member of the Carnot M.I.N.E.S Institute (Innovative Methods for Business and Society), the Carnot TSN Institute (Telecom and Digital Society) and founding member of the Université Bretagne Loire consortium of universities and higher education institutions.

For more information http://www.imt-atlantique.fr/