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# QualiNews

## Competitiveness

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According to the newly published 2022 edition of the global QS World University Ranking by Subject Domains, UBB is amongst the top 500 higher education institutions worldwide in 3 broad subject areas, including *Arts and Humanities* (ranked in the position 451-500 globally, and first nationally together with the University of Bucharest), *Natural Sciences* (451-500 global rank and first national rank together with the University of Bucharest) and *Social Sciences and Management* (401-450 global rank and first and only university at the national level).

Furthermore, according to the same ranking, UBB is one of the top universities worldwide in 10 subject areas (out of the 51 analysed and included in the ranking). Out of these, UBB is ranked first in Romania in 6 subjects, while in the remaining 4 it is ranked second in the country. The complete list of subjects and UBB's rank is shown in the table below.

| Subject domain | Global rank | National rank |
|---|---|---|
| Modern Languages | 251-300 | 1= |
| Computer Science & Information Systems | 451-500 | 1= |
| Chemical Engineering | 301-350 | 1 |
| Agriculture & Forestry | 351-400 | 2 |
| Medicine | 601-650 | 2 |
| Psychology | 251-300 | 1 |
| Chemistry | 601-630 | 2 |
| Mathematics | 301-350 | 1 |
| Business & Management Studies | 351-400 | 1 |
| Economics & Econometrics | 451-500 | 2 |

*Note: The '=' symbol signals the fact that multiple universities share the same rank for the respective position.*

## News

By decision no. 3539/04.04.2022, UBB's Administration Council approved the educational plans for the 2022/2023 academic year. The decision was approved by UBB's Senate.

By decision no. 3543/04.04.2022, UBB's Administration Council approved the modified and completed version of the methodology for occupying vacant teaching and research positions through competition.

UBB will benefit from campus investment backed by a new €35 million loan from the European Investment Bank. The investment will help transform and improve the research facilities and offices, while also improving energy efficiency.

The Rector's Report for 2021 has been published. The new report is available here.

## Activities

The survey dedicated to measuring students' satisfaction towards the services offered by UBB has been finalized. Students from all academic levels were invited via email to take part in the survey. The deadline for completing the questionnaire was 14 April.

The process of evaluating the professional activity of academic staff by leadership has been completed at the level of faculties and academic units. The institutional report with the results of the evaluation is being prepared.

The Quality Assurance Manual has been thoroughly revised and updated. The new version will be uploaded to the website of the Qualitas Centre soon.

A new data collection phase has been completed for the upcoming editions of the *Times Higher Education* and *Clarivate* international rankings. The results will be published later this year.

The evaluation period for assessing the quality of the educational process by students is about to start. **Qualitas Centre** invites all students to complete the anonymous questionnaires using the **AcademicInfo platform**, or the mobile **UBBApp**, available on iOS and Android platforms. The evaluation periods are as follows:

*Full-time education:* **9 May – 29 May, 2022**
*Final years:* **18 April – 15 May, 2022**
*Distance-learning and part-time education:* **23 May – 5 June, 2022**
*Final years:* **9 May – 22 May, 2022**

## Events

**Qualitas Centre** recommends the upcoming online events:

- The 4th webinar of the CGHE series on The Critical Economics of Higher Education entitled 'Agency, purposeful work, and economic change: reconceptualising the relationship between HE and the economy' - **12 April, 2022**
- The 2022 EUA Annual Conference, entitled 'University values: what, why and how?', to take pace in Budapest – **28 – 29 April, 2022**
- CGHE Annual Conference 2022, entitled 'Higher Education knowledge in a plural world' – **24 – 25 May, 2022**
- The 15th Annual Learning Ideas Conference, entitled 'Innovations in Learning and Technology for the Workplace and Higher Education' - **15 – 17 June, 2022**

## Digital library

**Qualitas Centre** recommends the following publications:

- Curaj, Adrian, Jamil Salmi, Cezar Mihai Hâj (Eds) – Higher Education in Romania. Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities
- EUA – EU strategy points way to universities without borders
- EUA – A university vision for the European Green Deal
- EENQA – Guidelines for Distance Evaluation
- University World News – Tackle gender dynamics to achieve equality in HE

Dear Colleagues,
If you have / organize / create / participate in tutorials / demonstrations / tools regarding online teaching, which you think would be useful to share with the UBB community, please send us a link to them, so we can include them in the next issue of **Qualinews**.

**Qualitas Centre** is willing to assist fellow members of the UBB staff with information regarding quality assurance, university rankings and graduate market employability overviews. You can contact us at qualitas@ubbcluj.ro or at the extensions: 7021 and 7022, every day from 8 am to 4 pm.


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