

University Participation in International Ranking or related QA Initiatives

	Ranking/ Quality Assurance Initiative	Rank/ Certification	Date/ Year	Certifying Body	Link to Certifying Body
1	ISO 9001:2008	Certified	2018-2020	TÜV Rheinland	https://www.certipedia.com/quality_marks/9108634167?locale=en
2	ISO 9001:2015	Certified	2020 to present	TÜV Rheinland	https://www.certipedia.com/quality_marks/9108634167?locale=en
3	Philippine Quality Awards	Level II	2022 to present	Development Authority of the Philippines	https://pdc.dap.edu.ph/index.php/philippine-quality-award-pqa-administration/
3	Times Higher Education Impact Rankings (THE) 2025*	Rank: 1501+	2025	Times Higher Education	https://www.timeshighereducation.com/ https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings
4	Times Higher Education Impact Rankings (THE) 2024	Rank: 1501+	2024	Times Higher Education	https://www.timeshighereducation.com/ https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings
5	World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2025*	Rank: Top 60	2025	World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI)	https://www.wuri.world/
6	World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2024	Rank: Top 50	2024	World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI)	https://www.wuri.world/
7	QS Asia University Rankings 2025	Rank: 901+	2025	Quacquarelli Symonds	https://www.topuniversities.com/asia-university-rankings
8	QS Asia University Rankings South-Eastern Asia 2025*	Rank: 169	2024	Quacquarelli Symonds	https://www.topuniversities.com/asia-university-rankings
9	QS Stars Rating	2 Stars Rating	2019-2024	Quacquarelli Symonds	https://www.qs.com/solutions/university-ratings

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10	Ranking of Web Universities (Webometrics)	Rank (Philippines): Jan 2022: 30 July 2022: 16 Jan 2023: 17 July 2023: 28 Jan 2024: 39		Cybermetrics Lab	https://www.webometrics.info/en
11	EduRank 100 Best Universities in the Philippines	Rank (2023): Philippines: 39 World: 6955 Asia: 2692 For Biology: Philippines: 16 World: 4008 Asia: 1751 Rank (2022): Philippines: 29 World: 6633 Asia: 2561	2022 to present	EduRank	https://edurank.org/
12	HE Higher Education Ranking 2025*	Rank: 156	2025	Higher Education Quality and Assessment Council (HEQAC)	https://ranking.heranking.com/
13	HE Higher Education Ranking 2024	Rank: 127	2024	Higher Education Quality and Assessment Council (HEQAC)	https://ranking.heranking.com/
14	IRIS University Research Rankings (Top University in Research Productivity)	Rank: Science: 19 Engineering: 67 Health: 38	2019	Institutes for Research, Innovation, and Scholarship	http://www.theirisedu.org/

* Note: 2024 data was used for HE, THE, WURI, and QS 2025 Rankings. For QS Asia University Rankings, the result was released in 2024.

ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 9001:2015 Certifications

Certificate scope

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Management System
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USM Maintains ISO 9001:2015 Certification



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) once again earned its certification for International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 after the second surveillance audit held on April 10-11, 2024.

Mr. Ramoncito Puyat along with Ms. Jogina Mendiola, and Ms. Jean Laguitao from TÜV Rheinland Philippines, Inc. conducted the two-day audit.

The recent audit resulted in three noted Best Practices, 14 Opportunity for Improvement (OFI), and one Minor Non-Conformity. The audit team commended the preparedness, professionalism, and dedication of USM's ISO Core Team, unit heads, and personnel throughout the process.

The primary objective of the surveillance audit is to evaluate the University's adherence to the ISO 9001:2015 standards. It also aims to assess the effectiveness of its Quality Management System (QMS) implementation, as well as to identify opportunities for improvement.

USM earned its ISO 9001:2015 recertification in 2020, and passed its 1st surveillance audit on February 23, 2024. Since then, the University has continuously strengthened its quality assurance mechanisms, and aligned its academic and administrative systems with internationally recognized standards.

USM President Dr. Jonald L. Pimentel, expressed his appreciation to the USM Community. He shared that the audit was not merely a compliance exercise, but an opportunity for growth. "This audit shows us where we are doing well and where we can still grow. That is the heart of quality management: to always look inward, to listen, to adjust, and to keep moving forward," he said. With this mindset, the University of Southern Mindanao continues to move forward, grounded in purpose, driven by improvement, and united in its pursuit of quality.

USM's ISO processes and other related activities are spearheaded by the University Quality Assurance Office (UQAO) headed by its Director, Dr. Lawrence Anthony U. Dollente.



Links to articles in the USM Website:

<https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-maintains-iso-90012015-certification/>

<https://www.usm.edu.ph/administration/iso-9001-quality-management-system/>

Philippine Quality Awards Level II - Proficiency in Quality Management



The University of Southern Mindanao received the Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management (Level II) conferred by the Office of the President of the Philippines last May 17, 2022 at the Malacañang Palace Guest House.

By reaching Level II of the Philippine Quality Award (PQA), USM has achieved significant progress in building sound processes which demonstrates the institution's commitment to excellence and its dedication to upholding quality standards in

education.

The conferment ceremony facilitated by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), was attended by high-ranking officials of the DTI and the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), awardees representing their respective organizations, PQA board of judges, and PQA assessors. Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin represented President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. in awarding trophies to the 12 awardees of the 25th PQA Cycle.

President Francisco Gil N. Garcia, PhD and the Chairman of USM BOR, Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat, PhD received the award for the University of Southern Mindanao.

The Philippine Quality Award (PQA), is the centerpiece program of the National Action Agenda for Productivity (NAAP), the blueprint for the country's integrated approach to improve economy-wide productivity. It sets a standard of excellence to help Filipino organizations achieve world-class performance and serves as a 'template' for competitiveness based on the principles of Total Quality Management (TQM).

Through the award, the University of Southern Mindanao has once again proven its lead in the delivery of quality education as it is the first and the only HEI (Higher Education Institution) in the province and only the second HEI in Region 12 to have been conferred the award.

USM was evaluated in various aspects of its operations, including leadership, strategy, customers, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, and human resource.



Link to articles in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-conferred-recognition-for-proficiency-in-quality-management-by-malacanang/>

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) is newly ranked in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024.

Among 2,152 universities from 125 countries, USM's specific rank will be posted on June 12, 2024, during the official launch of the THE Impact Rankings 2024 at 6:00 a.m. BST (UK

time) via the Times Higher Education website (timeshighereducation.com).

The THE Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, they highlighted that THE uses carefully calibrated indicators to provide comprehensive and balanced comparisons across four broad areas: research, stewardship, outreach, and teaching. The number of universities that join the rankings rapidly grows each year; hence Times Higher Education welcomes regular change in the order of institutions as universities continue to drive this urgent agenda.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-unlocks-new-international-recognition/>

THE Impact Rankings 2024

OVERALL SCORE

42.4 out of 100

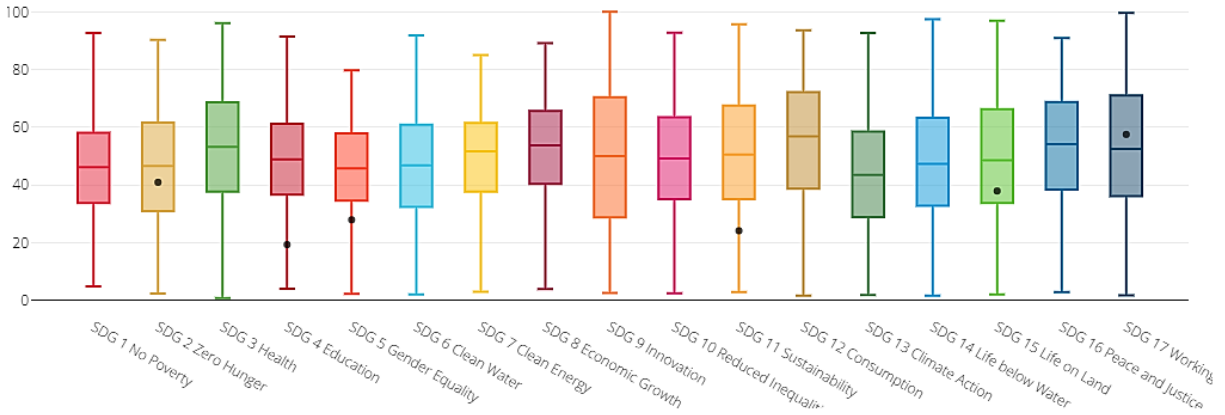
OVERALL RANK

1501+ out of 1963 institutions

SDG PARTICIPATED

6 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals

SDG SCORES



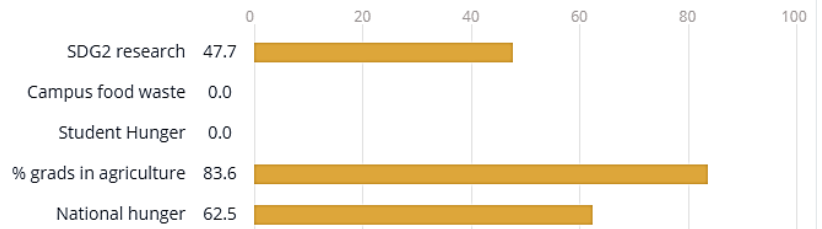
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ZERO HUNGER

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE **40.9** RANK **401-600** out of 803 institutions

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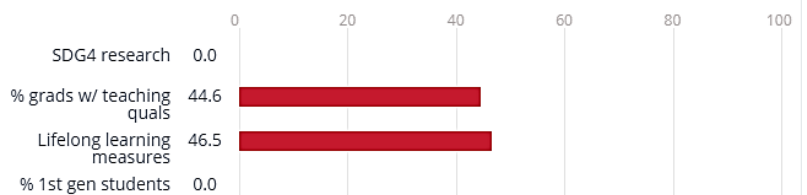


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QUALITY EDUCATION

SCORE **19.3** RANK **1501+** out of 1681 institutions

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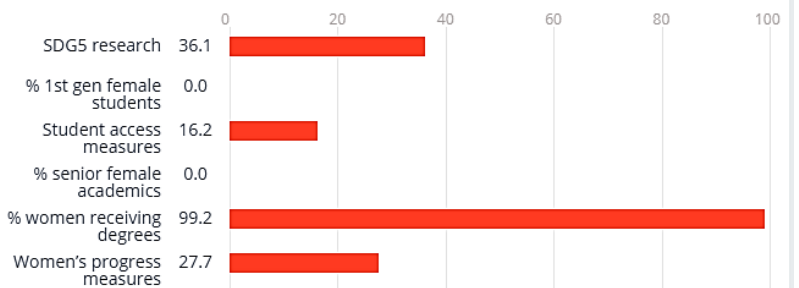
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GENDER EQUALITY

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE **27.9** RANK **1001+** out of 1361 institutions

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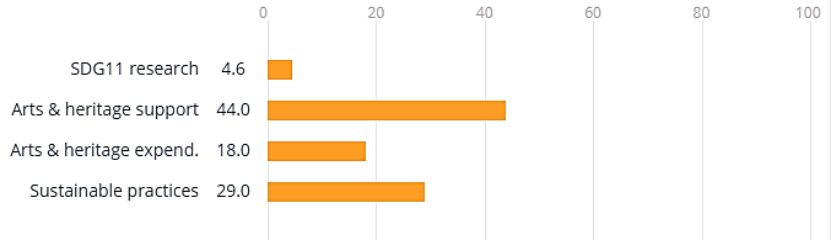


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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

SCORE RANK
24.1 **801-1000** out of 1026 institutions

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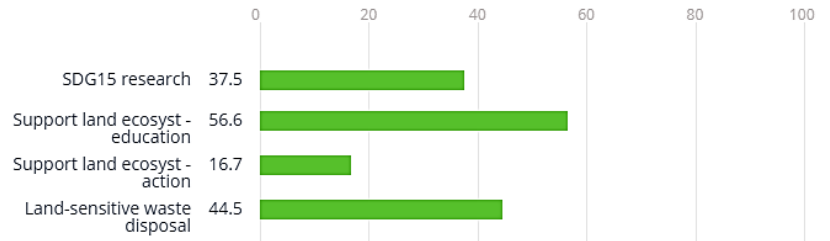
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LIFE ON LAND

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
37.9 **401-600** out of 741 institutions

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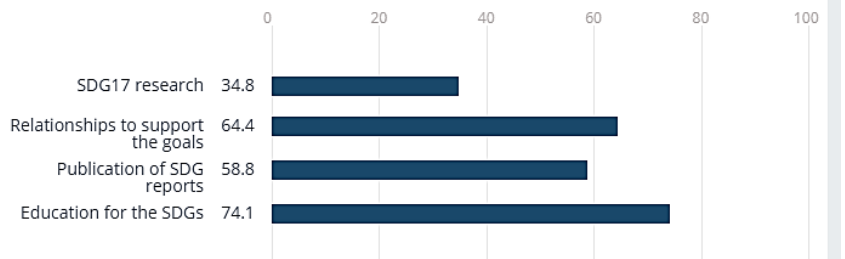
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PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

MANDATORY QUALIFYING SDG - 22% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
57.5 **801-1000** out of 2031 institutions

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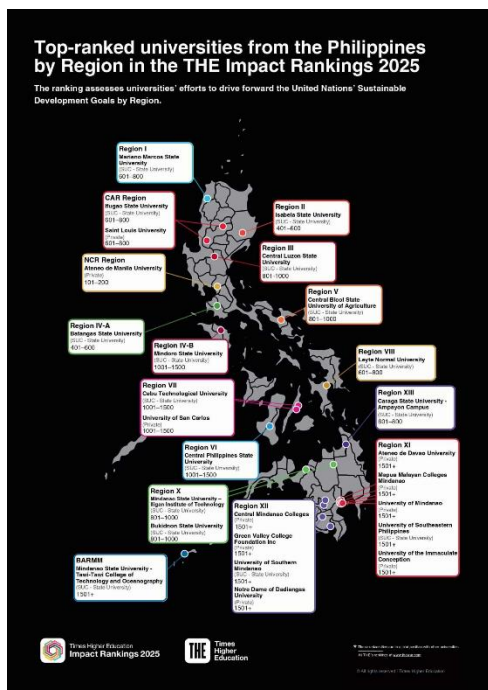


Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) once again secured its ranking for two consecutive years in the 1501+ bracket in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2025, despite a significant increase of participating institutions—from 1,963 last year to 2,318 this year.

This year, Central Mindanao Colleges (CMC), Green Valley College Foundation Inc. (GVCFI), and Notre Dame of Dadiangas University (NDDU) joined USM in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. From participating in only six Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2024, USM has expanded its involvement to thirteen SDGs this year. These include the following with its corresponding ranking:



- SDG1 No Poverty (Rank 1001+)
- SDG2 Zero Hunger (Rank 601-800)
- SDG3 Good Health and Well Being (Rank 1501+)
- SDG4 Quality Education (Rank 1501+)
- SDG5 Gender Equality (Rank 601-800)
- SDG8 Decent Work and Economic Growth (Rank 801-1000)
- SDG9 Industry Innovation, and Infrastructure (Rank 801-1000)
- SDG10 Reduced Inequalities (Rank 1001+)
- SDG11 Sustainable Cities and Communities (Rank 601-800)
- SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production (Rank 801+)
- SDG15 Life on Land (Rank 401-600)
- SDG16 Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (Rank 1001+)
- SDG 17 Partnership for the Goals (Rank 1001-1500)

This year's impact rankings feature 121 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines, a notable increase from only 56 institutions the previous year. The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings are the only global performance metrics that evaluate universities based on their contributions to the United Nations SDGs.

Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-secures-ranking-in-times-higher-education-anew/>

THE Impact Rankings 2025

OVERALL SCORE

45.1 out of 100

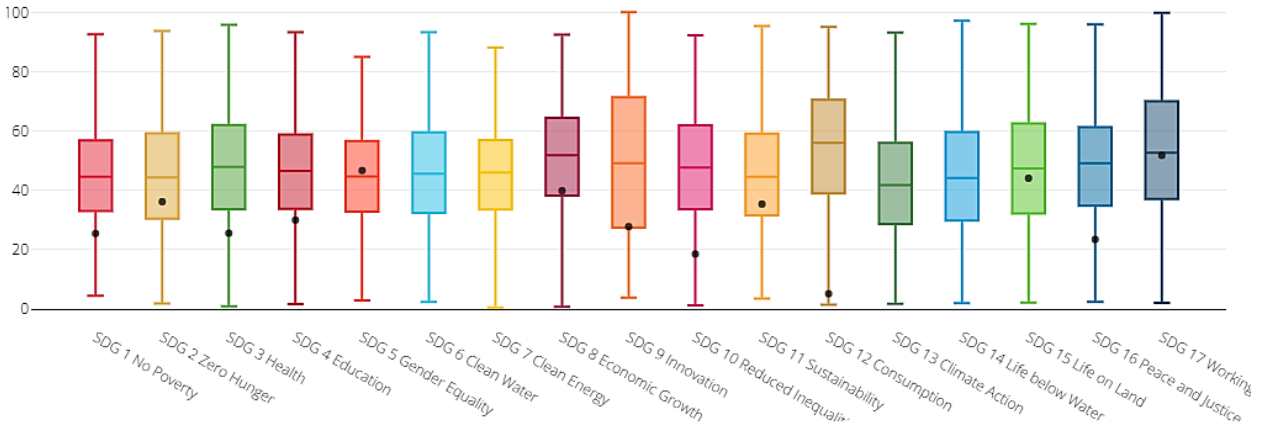
OVERALL RANK

1501+ out of 2318 institutions

SDG PARTICIPATED

13 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals

SDG SCORES

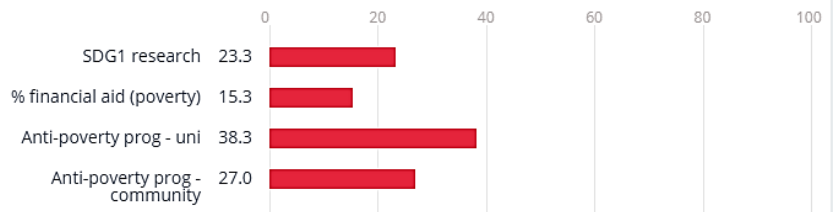


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NO POVERTY

SCORE **25.5** RANK **1001+** out of 1267 institutions

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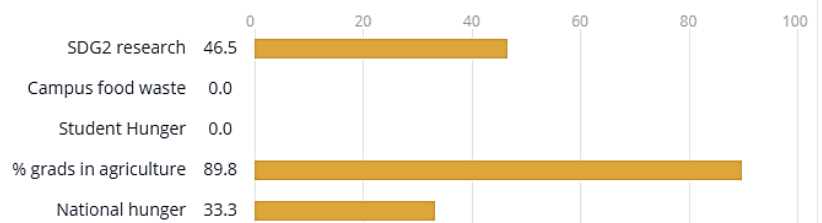


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ZERO HUNGER

SCORE **36.2** RANK **601-800** out of 955 institutions

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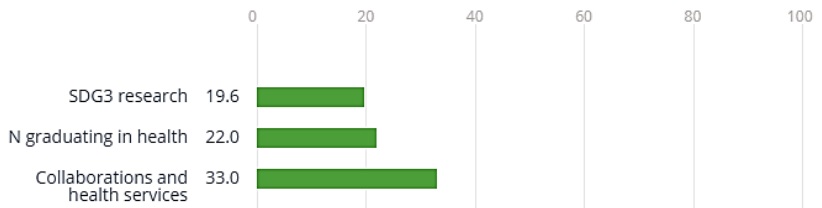


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GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SCORE **25.6** RANK **1501+** out of 1788 institutions

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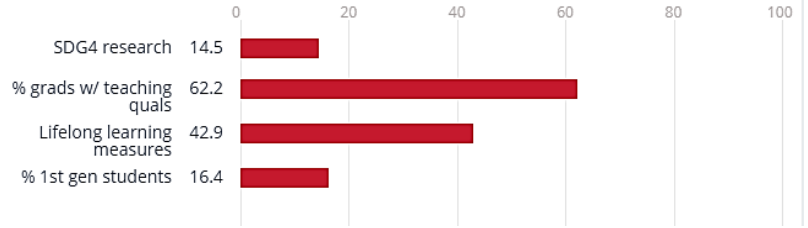


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QUALITY EDUCATION

SCORE RANK
30.0 **1501+** out of 1975 institutions

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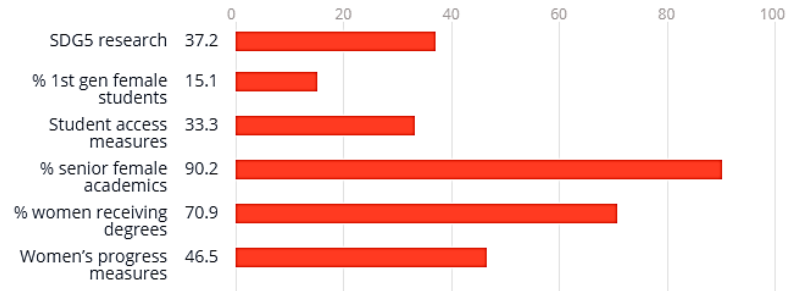
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GENDER EQUALITY

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
46.7 **601-800** out of 1559 institutions

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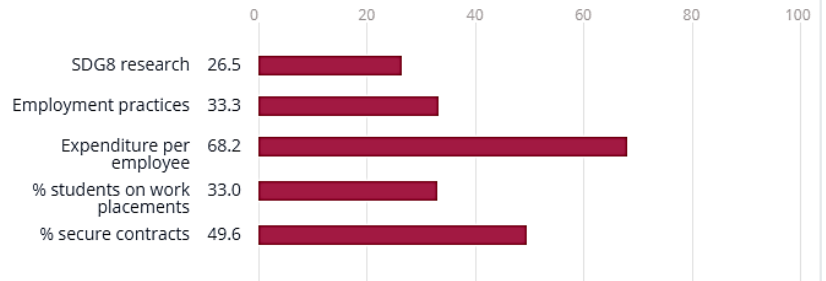
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DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
39.9 **801-1000** out of 1350 institutions

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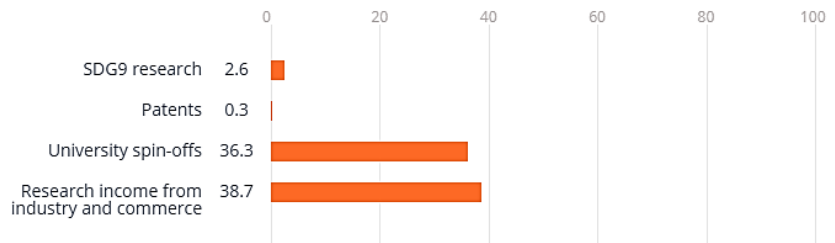


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INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SCORE RANK
27.8 **801-1000** out of 1156 institutions

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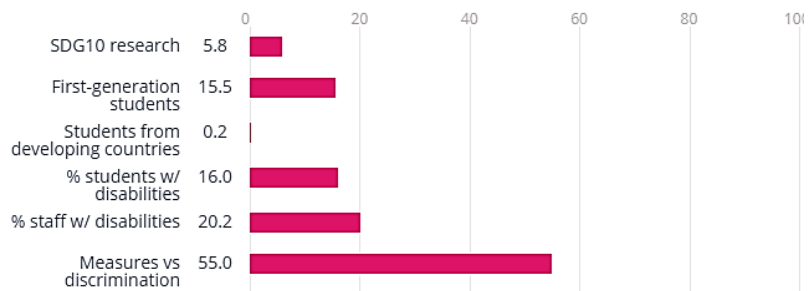


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REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SCORE RANK
18.6 **1001+** out of 1261 institutions

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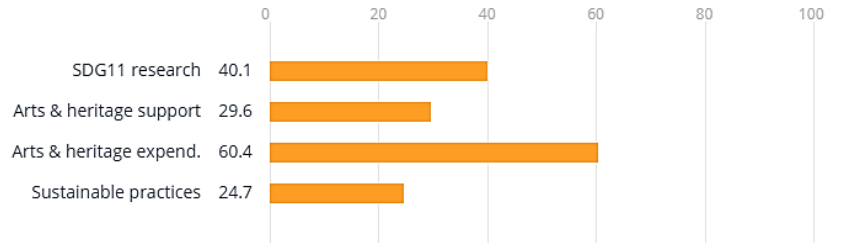


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SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

SCORE RANK
35.4 **601-800** out of 1154 institutions

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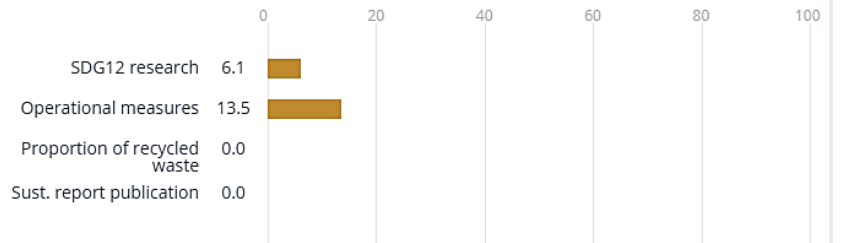


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RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

SCORE RANK
5.2 **801+** out of 973 institutions

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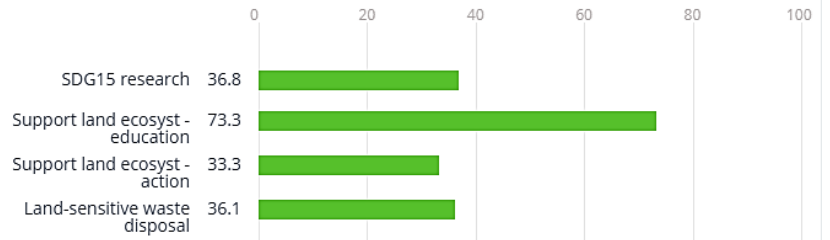
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LIFE ON LAND

QUALIFYING SDG - 26% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
44.1 **401-600** out of 854 institutions

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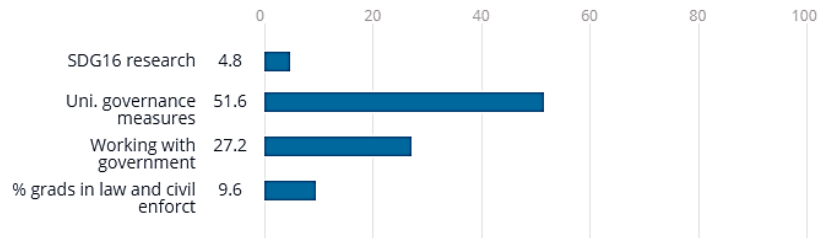


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PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SCORE RANK
23.5 **1001+** out of 1265 institutions

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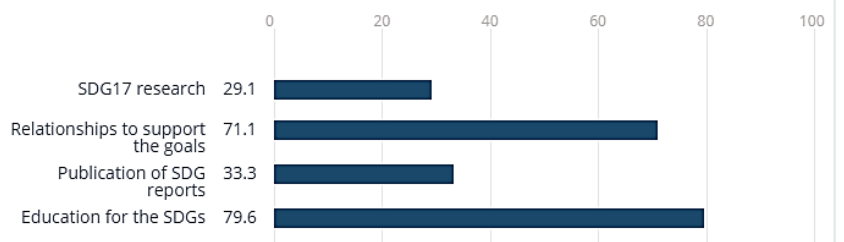
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PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

MANDATORY QUALIFYING SDG - 22% OF OVERALL

SCORE RANK
51.8 **1001-1500** out of 2389 institutions

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World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI)

World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2024 – Crisis Management Category

With over thirteen (13) categories, the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) ranked 50th in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) in the “For Society” category – Crisis Management, as released on June 07, 2024.

The said category focuses on managing environmental and economic crises that universities face from the greater society, such as climate change, diseases like COVID-19, and other global and local crises.

The World University Rankings for Innovation assesses the concrete contributions of higher education institutions to industry and society, highlighting innovative education, research, and societal engagement. The ranking aims to spotlight higher education institutions that excel in these innovative approaches, thereby inspiring advancements across the academic and societal landscape.

Joining for the first time, USM highlighted the projects and initiatives of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) during its submission in WURI.



Link to article in the USM Website <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-receives-another-international-acknowledgement/>

World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) 2025 – Student Mobility and Openness Category

The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) has once again earned a place on the international stage after being included in the 2025 World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI). This marks the second consecutive year that USM has been recognized for its innovative approaches to education, research, and community engagement.

WURI, a global ranking system that highlights forward-thinking institutions, announced the results during in July 2025. The rankings emphasized real-world impact and creativity rather than traditional academic measures.

This year, USM ranked 61st under Student Mobility and Openness. USM’s back-to-back recognition reflects its continuous efforts to drive meaningful change through relevant programs and services.

In 2024, USM ranked 50th globally under WURI’s “Crisis Management” category. The recognition stemmed from the university’s initiatives that addressed pressing societal issues, including disaster response, health education, and climate resilience.

University President Dr. Jonald L. Pimentel expressed pride in USM’s continued global recognition, stating that the achievement is a dedication of the university community to creating solutions that matter. He emphasized that USM is committed to pursue innovations that directly benefit students and communities across the region.

With its back-to-back placement in the WURI rankings, USM strengthens its position not only as a premier higher education institution in Mindanao but also as an emerging global player in innovation-driven development.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/back-to-back-recognition-usm-secures-spot-in-2025-wuri-innovation-rankings/>

QS Asia University Rankings 2025 and QS Asia University Rankings South-Eastern Asia 2025



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) ranked 169th in the QS Asia University Rankings South-Eastern Asia 2025. It is one of only 25 higher education institutions (HEIs) from the Philippines to make the list. In the overall Asian rankings, USM falls within the 901+ bracket.

Academic reputation (30%), Employer reputation (20%), Faculty/student ratio (10%), International research network (10%), Citations per paper (10%) and papers per faculty (5%), Staff with a PhD (5%), Proportion of international faculty (2.5%) and proportion of international students (2.5%) were the indicators used to compile the QS Asia University Rankings.

According to the QS website, the rankings highlight the top universities in Asia annually, with results available in an interactive online table that allows users to compare universities based on individual performance indicators.

Notably, USM is the only institution from Region XII to be recognized, and one of just seven HEIs in Mindanao to earn a spot.

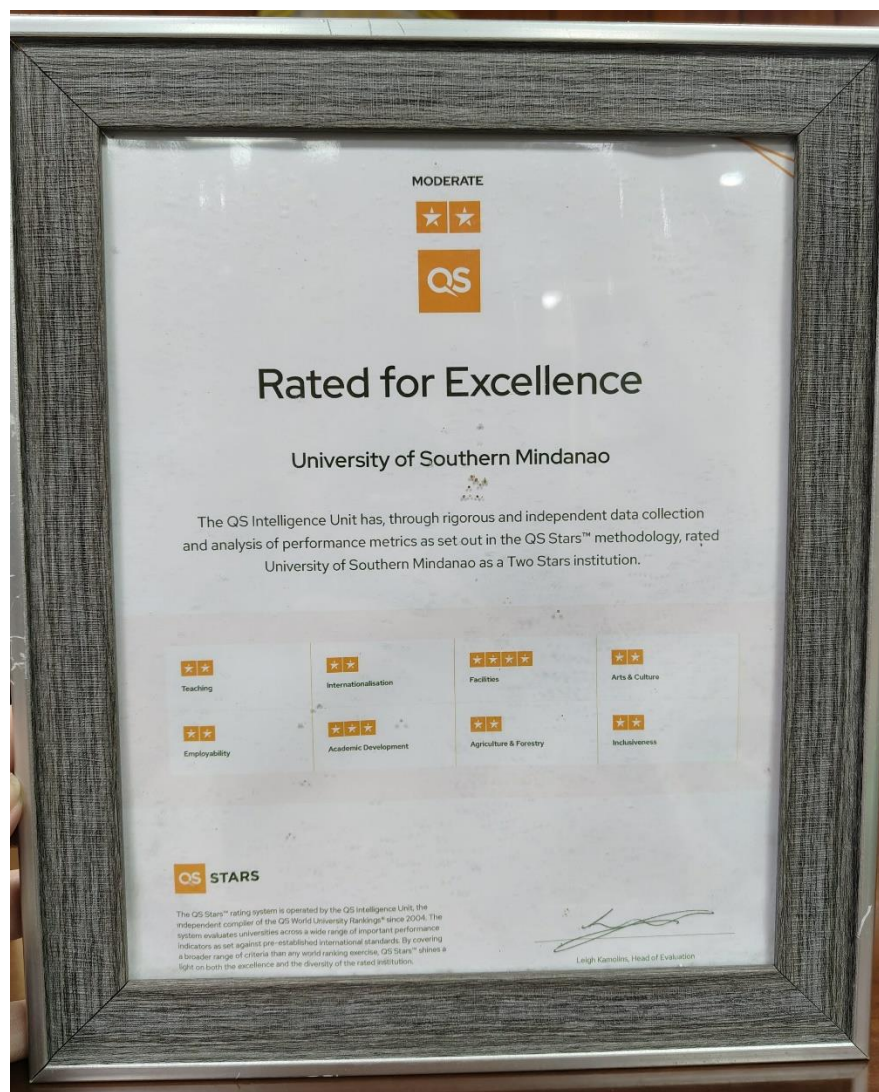


Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-secures-ranking-in-qs-asia-university-rankings-south-eastern-asia-2025/>

QS Stars Rating

The QS Stars rating system is a comprehensive method for evaluating universities beyond the scope of traditional league tables. Unlike the QS World University Rankings, which provide a hierarchical list, the QS Stars system offers a broader diagnostic tool, awarding institutions between one and five+ Stars based on their performance across a wide range of criteria. This approach recognizes that universities have different strengths and missions, allowing a specialist institution to excel in its own right, even if it doesn't place highly in an overall global ranking. The system is designed to provide a more nuanced picture to prospective students, highlighting excellence in specific areas like teaching, employability, or facilities.

To achieve an overall Star rating, universities are assessed across several categorized areas. These core categories include Teaching, which evaluates student satisfaction and faculty quality; Employability, measuring graduate outcomes and employer reputation; Research, assessing productivity and impact; Internationalization, reviewing the diversity of the student body and faculty; and Learning Environment, which focuses on facilities such as libraries, IT infrastructure, and campus assets. Additional specialized ratings can be earned in areas like Program Strength (for specific subjects), Arts & Culture, Inclusiveness, and Innovation, providing a multi-faceted profile of an institution's strengths and specializations.





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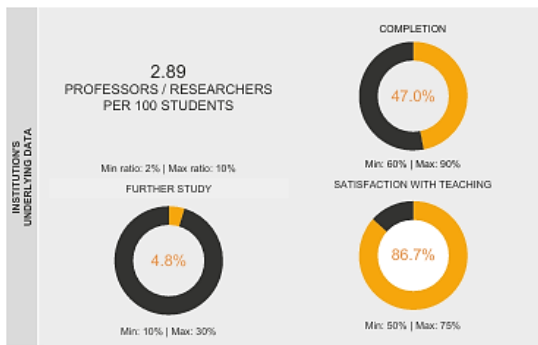
OVERALL SUMMARY

TEACHING	★ 2	46	150
EMPLOYABILITY	★ 2	51	150
INTERNATIONALIZATION	★ 2	51	150
RESEARCH		NOT ASSESSED	
ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT	★ 3	62	150
FACILITIES	★ 4	60	100
ONLINE LEARNING		NOT ASSESSED	
SUBJECT RANKING		NOT ASSESSED	
PROGRAM STRENGTH	★ 2	67	200
ARTS & CULTURE	★ 2	16	50
INNOVATION		NOT ASSESSED	
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY		NOT ASSESSED	
INCLUSIVENESS	★ 2	17	50
OVERALL	★ 2	370	1000

TEACHING



A key role of universities is to nurture its students' learning and personal development. Great teaching inspires today's students to become tomorrow's leaders. In this category we consider areas such as the faculty-student ratio, student satisfaction, and the rate of further study.



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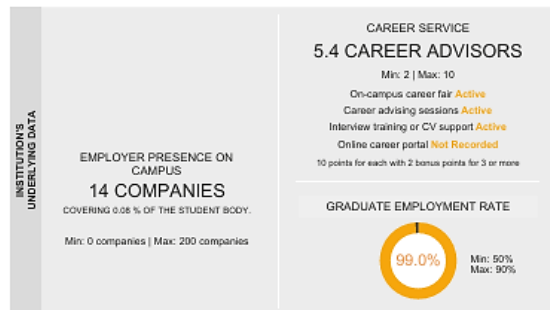
University Of Southern Mindanao's performance against indicators in the Teaching category.



EMPLOYABILITY

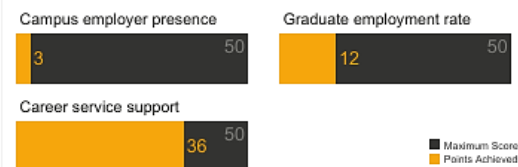


Graduate employability depends on more than academic strength, focusing on readiness for work – the ability to working effectively in a multi-cultural team, deliver presentations, and to manage people and projects. Areas like the university's reputation among employers, the graduate employment rate, and career service support are considered here.



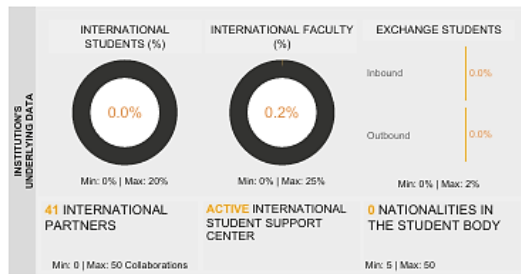
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University Of Southern Mindanao's performance against indicators in the Employability category.



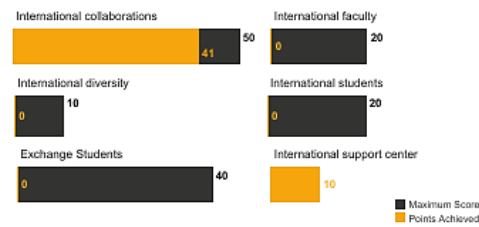
INTERNATIONALIZATION

A university's reputation on the global stage is more important than ever. This is boosted by partnerships with international institutions and the recruitment of international faculty and students. In this category we consider areas such as international research collaborations, the number of international exchange students, and international diversity on campus.



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University Of Southern Mindanao's performance against indicators in the Internationalization category.

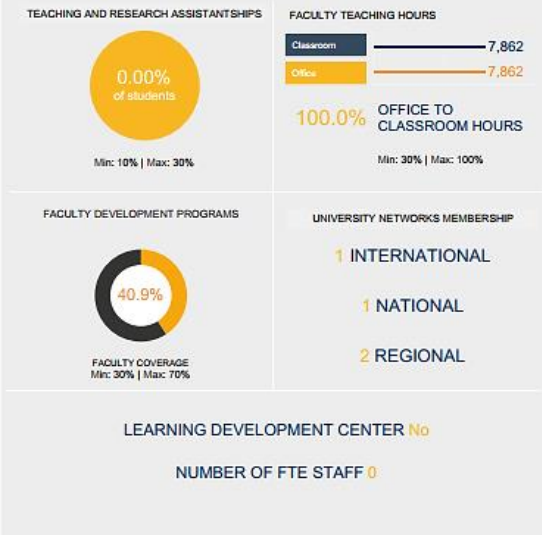


ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

In this category we look at a university's commitment to academic development for its students and faculty beyond teaching. This includes areas such as assistantships for students, the availability of faculty outside of the classroom, and the number of faculty participating in development programs.

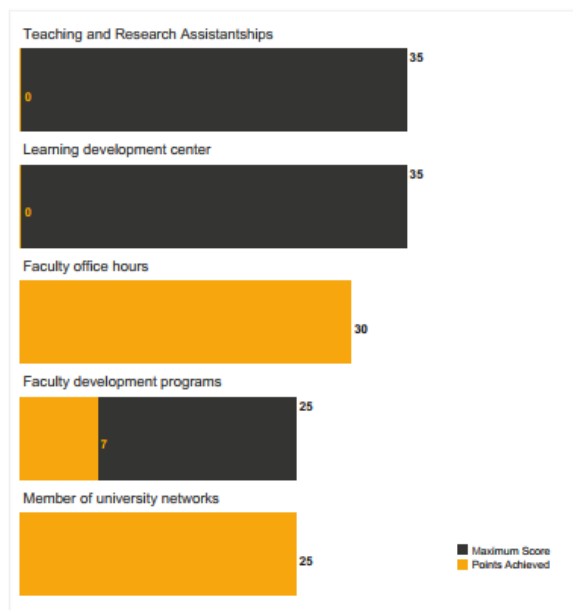


INSTITUTION'S UNDERLYING DATA



ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

University Of Southern Mindanao's performance against indicators in the Academic Development category.

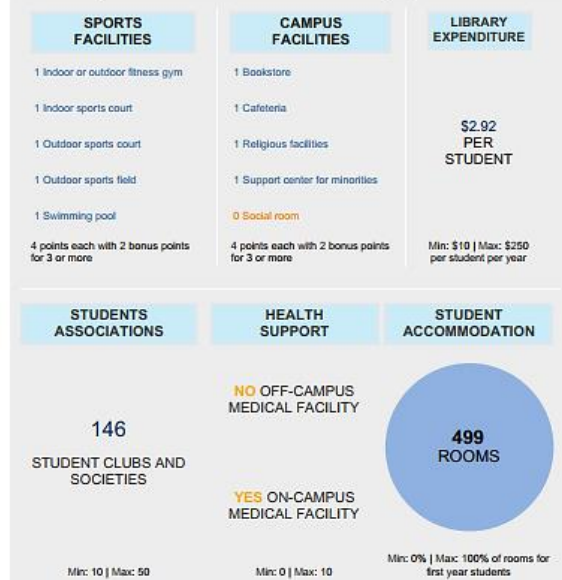


FACILITIES

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University Of Southern Mindanao's underlying data

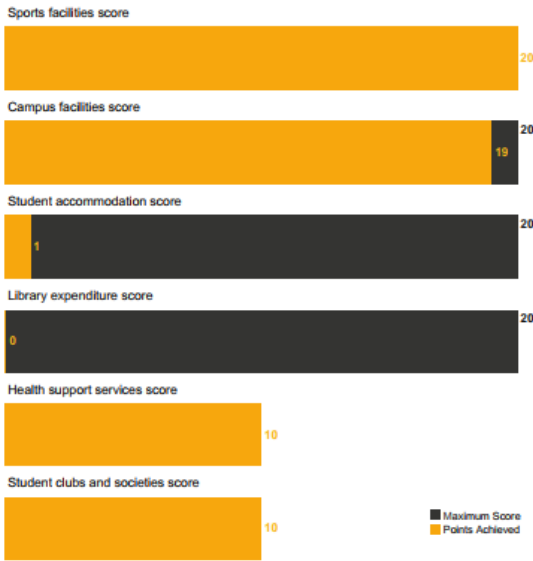


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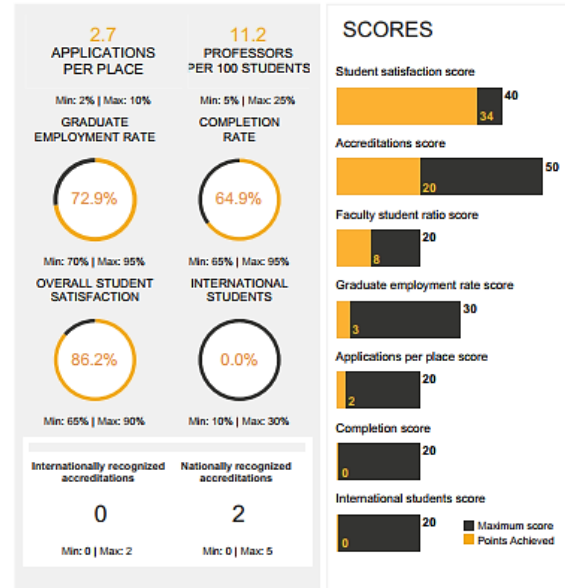


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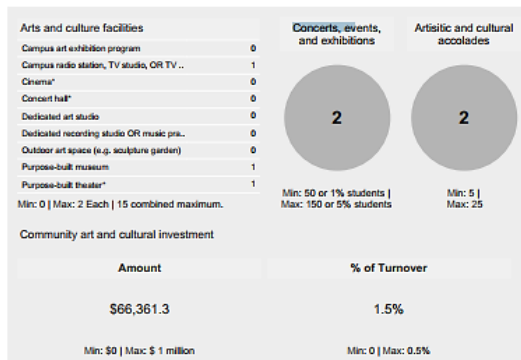


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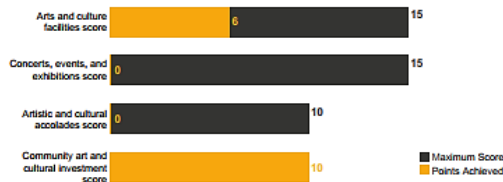


ARTS & CULTURE

With governmental and private investment increasingly encouraging higher education institutions to focus on science and technology, universities have to work harder than ever to promote and contribute to the arts and national culture. This category is designed to recognize excellent in these areas, looking at elements such as the number of artistic events available to students and the financial contribution to arts and cultural projects.

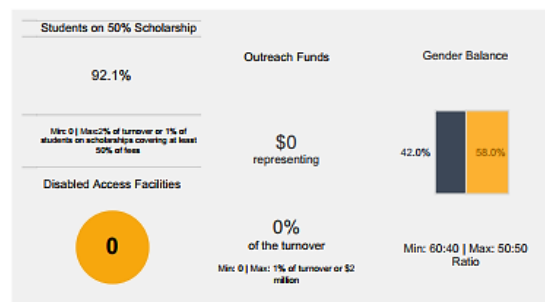


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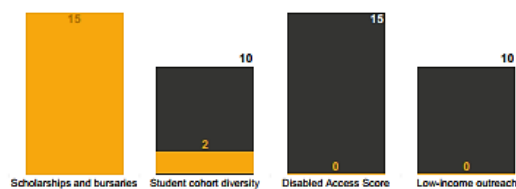


INCLUSIVENESS

For institutions that aspire to become truly world-class, their mission and its impact must extend beyond the basics as they strive to be inclusive of all types of students. In this category we look at areas such as the provision of access and support for a variety of disabilities, the number of students from low-income backgrounds, and the amount of funds available for student support.



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Ranking of Web Universities (Webometrics)

The Webometrics Ranking of World Universities, commonly known as the Webometrics ranking, is a large-scale initiative that evaluates the online presence and impact of higher education institutions globally. Established in 2004 by the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group within the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), its primary mission is to promote the open publication of web-based knowledge and encourage universities to disseminate their research and academic activities online. Rather than measuring the quality of teaching or faculty, Webometrics operates on the principle that a university's web footprint is a significant indicator of its global engagement, visibility, and commitment to knowledge transfer in the digital age.

The ranking is calculated based on a composite indicator derived from four main metrics, which collectively assess both the volume and impact of a university's web content. These are Visibility, measured by the number of external links a university's domain receives, which acts as a proxy for global influence and reputation; Transparency, which evaluates the number of citations from top authors according to Google Scholar profiles, reflecting research impact; Excellence, which assesses the number of a university's research papers among the top 10% most cited in their respective fields; and Presence, which simply measures the volume of web content hosted under the university's domain. By focusing on these web-based indicators, Webometrics provides a unique and complementary perspective to traditional academic rankings, highlighting how effectively universities are contributing to and engaging with the global digital ecosystem.



The banner features the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) logo on the left, which includes the text "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MINDANAO" and "KABACAN, COTABATO" around a central emblem with the year "1954". To the right of the logo, the ranking is displayed in large, bold white and yellow text: "1ST REGION XII" and "5968TH IN THE WORLD". Below this, a laurel wreath encircles the text "6118TH", with "PREVIOUSLY RANKED IN 2024" written underneath. At the bottom left, there is a small box with the text "Webometrics RANKING WEB OF UNIVERSITIES". To the right of this box, a paragraph of text reads: "The Ranking Web or Webometrics is the largest academic ranking of Higher Education Institutions offering every six months an independent, objective, free, open scientific exercise for providing reliable, multidimensional, updated and useful information about the performance of universities from all over the world." The bottom of the banner contains social media icons for Facebook (@theUSMOfficial), a website icon (www.usm.edu.ph), a YouTube icon (USM RTV), and the slogan "One USM" in a script font.

Ranking	World Ranking	University	Det.	Country	Presence	Impact	Openness	Excellence
44	11257	University of Southern Mindanao			13322	14138	6462	6033

2018 **91** 2019 **44**

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<https://www.webometrics.info/en/Asia/Philippines>




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Impact Rank: **7829** Openness Rank: **5726** Excellence Rank: **5776**

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EduRank 100 Best Universities in the Philippines

EduRank is an independent, data-driven platform that provides non-academic rankings of universities worldwide. Unlike traditional rankings that heavily rely on surveys and reputational data, EduRank's methodology is based primarily on analyzing public web data. It aggregates information from diverse sources such as bibliometric citations, industry connections, and the online prominence of a university's alumni. The core philosophy is to measure a university's real-world impact and influence by examining its digital footprint, offering an alternative perspective on institutional performance that focuses on outcomes rather than inputs or reputation alone.

The "EduRank Top 100 Best Universities in the Philippines" applies this methodology to the Philippine higher education landscape. This ranking provides a unique snapshot of institutional impact within the country, typically dominated by long-established public and private institutions. The ranking serves as a valuable tool for students and stakeholders to identify institutions with significant academic and professional reach, highlighting not only the top-tier leaders but also showcasing the strengths of regional universities and specialized colleges across the nation.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-ranks-29th-among-100-best-ph-universities/>, <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-remains-in-the-29th-spot-of-100-best-universities-in-the-philippines/>

HE Higher Education Ranking

HE Higher Education Ranking Project is a scientific, academic, and research ranking institution that ranks higher education institutions according to specific criteria, and performance indicators that contribute to improving the operation and performance of higher education institutions.

The ranking approach is based on supporting academic transparency and freedom, access to information and data, achieving the cultural, social, and scientific impact of higher education institutions, promoting social equity and equality, and eliminating all forms of discrimination in higher education institutions. The ranking is based on measuring the university's level of performance at all levels according to 25 criteria and 138 performance indicators, and thus, ensures the development and improvement of the university and its achievement of added value.

The approach of HE Higher Education Ranking is to develop and improve the operation of higher education institutions around the world by measuring real, fair, equitable, and impartial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that focus on developing and improving the operation of higher education institutions around the world.

The approach is to enhance access to higher education, support internationalization, and scientific research, improve the teaching process in higher education institutions, achieve a societal approach, and bridge the gap with the labor market. The ranking approach is based on supporting academic transparency and freedom, access to information and data, achieving the cultural, social, and scientific impact of higher education institutions, promoting social justice, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and injustice in higher education institutions.

No.	Criteria	Value percentage
1	Research	9%
2	Internationalization	7%
3	Teaching	8%
4	Student Success, and Graduation	5%
5	Faculty & Staff	6%
6	Funding, Finance, and Grants	3%
7	Facilities & Resources, and management	3%
8	Social, and Cultural Impact of the University	4%
9	Quality Assurance, Accreditation, and Networking	6%
10	Equity, equality, Diversity, and inclusion	4%
11	Foreign Language, and Linguistic Impact	4%
12	UN SDGs, and 2030 Agenda.	2%
13	Labor Market	4%
14	Recreation, support, and entertainment	3%
15	Information Technology, and computer equipment	3%
16	Lifelong learning	5%
17	Data Management	3%
18	Admissions & Enrollments	4%
19	Media	3%
20	Academic Freedom	2%
21	Support of distance learning	3%
22	Innovation and creativity	3%
23	Sustainability and management	2%
24	Academic Transparency	2%
25	Futuristic Concept of the University	2%

HE Higher Education Ranking 2024

March 15th 2024

Report ID: R2024-rpt127



HE Higher Education Ranking, 2024 Edition

Ranking Report for:

University of Southern Mindanao

University Profile:

Name of the university: **University of Southern Mindanao**

Country: **Philippines**

Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph>

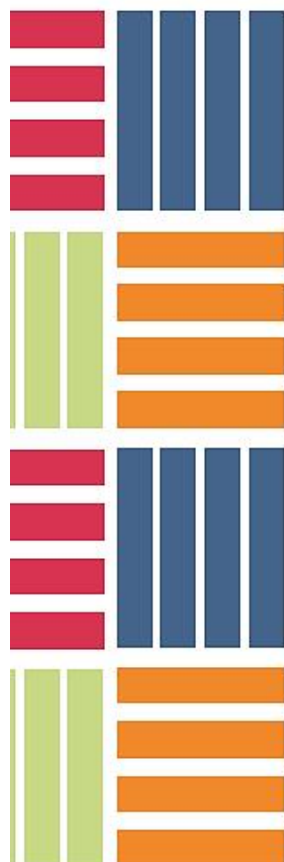
Overall Ranking: **127th/303**

Overall points for the ranking: **6362**

Description: The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) is a premier land grant university in Southern Philippines. Formerly known as the Mindanao Institute of Technology (MIT), the USM was founded by the late Bai Hadja Fatima Matabay Plang, a dedicated Muslim educator and philanthropist. Formally starting its operations on October 1, 1954, the USM achieved its university status through P.D. 1312 on March 13, 1978. USM is one of the four leading state universities in the country that achieved excellence in agricultural education. Today, it is one of the nine among 120 or so state-owned universities and colleges (SUCs) that earned Level IV status. In the first half of 2005, it was rated very satisfactory by the Department of Budget and Management Regional Office XII using the same instrument as that used in the level accreditation process.

March 15th 2024

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The ranking is accessible via the following link:

<https://ranking.heranking.com/2024/usm.edu.ph>



HE Higher Education Ranking 2025

March 20th, 2025

Report ID: R2025-REP156



HE Higher Education Ranking, 2025 Edition

Ranking Report for:

University of Southern Mindanao

University Profile:
Name of the university: **University of Southern Mindanao**
Country: **Philippines**
Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph>
Overall Ranking: **156th/422**
Overall points for the ranking: **6380**

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March 20th, 2025

Certificate ID: R2025-cert156



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IRIS University Research Rankings (Top University in Research Productivity)

Top Philippine Universities in **Research Productivity in Science, Engineering, and Health** as presented by Institutes for Research, Innovation and Scholarship (IRIS).

USM ranked 19th in Science, 38th in Health and 67th in Engineering. One hundred six (106) universities, public and private, were ranked in the three fields.

Ranking is based on the cumulative publications and citations from both Elsevier's Scopus and Thomson Reuter's Web of Science and the h-index.



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Awards and Distinctions of the University

Name of Award		Nature of Award	Sponsoring Agency	Year	Link to Certifying Body
1	Internationalization Champion of Nation-building and Sustainability (ASEAN ICONS) Awards	International Rankings Awards	Commission on Higher Education	2024	https://ched.gov.ph/https://ieducationphl.ched.gov.ph/news-and-events/iconsawards2024/
2	Certificate of Commendation from the Commission on Higher Education	Performance in globally-recognized rankings (QS and THE)	Commission on Higher Education	2024	https://ched.gov.ph/https://ieducationphl.ched.gov.ph/news-and-events/iconsawards2024/
3	Plaque of Recognition from RDC XII	Recognition of USM's Global Ranking Performance	Regional Development Council XII	2024	https://sites.google.com/view/nro12-iis/homehttps://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-receives-plaque-of-recognition-from-rdc-xii/
4	2022 Zairi International Award Excellence for Higher Education (Award of Excellence for Research Impact category) (Shortlisted as one of the top 3 HEIs)	Excellence in Research in Higher Education	Center for Learning Innovations and Customized Knowledge Solutions (CLICKS)	2022	https://cli-cks.com/zairi-international-awards/ https://cli-cks.com/2022-nominees/
5	Asia's Outstanding Academic Institutions	Excellence in Higher Education	CMO Asia with Asian Confederation of Businesses	2022	https://www.cmoasia.org/cmo-asia-awards.html
6	Philippine Quality Award Level II	Proficiency in Quality Management	Development Authority of the Philippines	2022	https://pdc.dap.edu.ph/index.php/philippine-quality-award-pqa-administration/
7	Certificate of Commendation from the Commission on Higher Education	Performance in globally-recognized rankings (QS Stars University Rating)	Commission on Higher Education	2022	https://ched.gov.ph/
8	Resolution of Commendation	Recognition of USM's performance in 2022 Zairi International Award Excellence for Higher Education (Award of Excellence for Research Impact category) (Shortlisted as one	Provincial Government of Cotabato	2022	https://cotabatoprov.gov.ph/

Name of Award		Nature of Award	Sponsoring Agency	Year	Link to Certifying Body
		of the top 3 HEIs)performance in Zairi			
9	Plaque of Recognition	Recognition of internationalization initiatives of the University	Commission on Higher Education Regional Office XII	2022	https://ched.gov.ph/
10	Plaque of Recognition	Support to implementation of research project	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Korea International Cooperation Agency	2019	https://www.fao.org/home/en https://www.koica.go.kr/sites/koica_en/index.do

Internationalization Champion of Nation-building and Sustainability (ASEAN ICONS) Awards 2022

Certificate of Commendation from the Commission on Higher Education 2022



The University of Southern Mindanao is one of the universities that championed internationalization in Philippine Higher Education. Earlier today, USM President Dr. Francisco Gil N. Garcia received the QS Stars University Rating during the “ASEAN Philippine Higher Education Internationalization Champions of Nation-building and Sustainability Awards Night (ASEAN ICONS) held at Hilton Manila Hotel, Newport Blvd, Pasay, Metro Manila.

The ASEAN ICONS Internationalization Awards is an avenue to recognize exemplary Philippine higher education institutions that championed the global reputation of Philippine Higher Education through their commendable performance in recognized international rankings and ratings, trailblazing efforts to advance the internationalization of Philippine HEIs, and valuable contributions to ASEAN’s regional prosperity.



Prof. Bryan Lloyd P. Bretana, USM Executive Assistant for International Linkages/Programs (Research) and Dr. Lawrence Anthony U. Dollente, Director of the University Quality Assurance Center also attended the awards night.



University of Southern Mindanao
QS Stars University Rating



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-qs-stars-university-rating/>

Internationalization Champion of Nation-building and Sustainability (ASEAN ICONS) Awards 2024

Certificate of Commendation from the Commission on Higher Education 2024



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) is the only Higher Education Institution (HEI) in Region XII conferred with the Internationalization Champion of Nation-building and Sustainability (ICONS) Awards 2024 (International Rankings Awards) by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) International Affairs Service (IAS) in 2022 and 2024. USM is among the country's institutions that excelled in international rankings, including the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Ranking, Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, and World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

According to CHED IAS, the Ranking Awards are given to Philippine HEIs that championed the global reputation of Philippine higher education through their commendable performance.



Plaque of Recognition from RDC XII



The University of Southern Mindanao (USM) received a Plaque of Recognition from the Regional Development Council (RDC) XII on December 4, 2024, at Narra Hall, Cinco Niñas, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato.

According to RDC XII, the plaque was presented as a token appreciation for USM's significant accomplishment and its invaluable contributions to regional development, specifically on promoting quality higher education and innovation in Region XII.

Notably, USM was recognized for its outstanding achievement in Times Higher Education and the QS World University Rankings 2025, securing a place as among the top 901+ Universities in Asia and 169th in Southeast Asia.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-receives-plaque-of-recognition-from-rdc-xii/>

2022 Zairi International Award Excellence for Higher Education (Award of Excellence for Research Impact category) (Shortlisted as one of the top 3 HEIs)

The University of Southern Mindanao made history as it is shortlisted for the 2022 inaugural edition of Zairi International Award Excellence for Higher Education (Award of Excellence for Research Impact category) along with King Abdulaziz University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and The University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa.

USM is among the numerous Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from 31 countries nominated for excellence in research and is the first and only Philippine HEI nominated for the award.

The Award is a formal international recognition of outstanding performance for Higher Education institutions around the world in specific areas pertinent to research, digital transformation, community engagement, etc. and to those who successfully addressed global educational challenges. It aims at highlighting inspiring success stories of higher education institutions and celebrate institutions that have developed and implemented creative responses to current and ongoing issues in the sector.

The award has been named after the late Professor Mohamed Zairi, a very well-respected expert in the field of quality and excellence who has during his lifetime published over 70 books and led numerous international and regional government level excellence awards. He was recognized globally for his contribution in the field and received several medals and recognitions.

The award criteria and process are endorsed by key leading organizations from across the globe. The award is managed by an International Executive Committee comprising of six international experts in the fields of higher education as well as quality and excellence. It is administered on an annual basis by the Center for Learning Innovations and Customized Knowledge Solutions (CLICKS). Award recipient was be presented during the official opening ceremony of MENA Higher Education Leadership Forum on March 23, 2022 in Dubai, UAE.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-shortlisted-for-2022-zairi-international-award-excellence-for-higher-education/>

Asia's Outstanding Academic Institutions

The award was received by Prof. Lydia Pascual, Director, USM Research and Development Office at Pan Pacific, Singapore. The certification was provided by World Federation of Academic and Educational Institutions.

The awards of the highest reputation are presented to individuals and institutions which have surpassed several levels of excellence, are set as role models, and displayed exemplary leadership. Specifically, they were evaluated based on the following: educational achievement, placements, leadership, class infrastructure, student impact (internal to the organization), and future orientation. Institutions were intensely researched and were not required to submit documents. The research cell consisted of individuals with Post Graduate Studies in History & Management and with over 7 years of research experience.

The jury members for CMO Asia Awards were composed of:

1. Dr. Arun Arora, Ex-President, and CEO, The Economic Times; Chairman, Edvance Pre-schools Pvt. Ltd. & Emeritus Chairman, World HRD Congress;
2. Professor Indira Parikh, President – Antardisha, India's Iconic HR Leader;
3. Nina E. Woodard, President & Chief "N" Sights Officer, Nina E. Woodard & Associates, a division of NDPendence, Inc.;
4. Dr. C. M. Dwivedi, Group Chief Human Resource Officer, ESDS Software Solutions Pvt Ltd;
5. Dr. Saugata Mitra, Chief People Officer & Group Head HR, Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt. Ltd.;
6. Dr. R L Bhatia, Founder, World CSR Day, and World CSR Congress; and
7. Dr. Sanjay Muthal, Executive Director, INSIST Executive Search.
8. Other awardees from the Philippines were UP Baguio, MSU GenSan, CMU, and Southern Leyte State University.

The recipients expressed gratitude to CMO Asia, World Federation of Academic and Educational Institutions, Asian Confederation of Businesses, and Stars of the Industry Group.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-soars-as-one-of-asias-outstanding-academic-institutions/>

Philippine Quality Awards Level II - Proficiency in Quality Management



The University of Southern Mindanao received the Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management (Level II) conferred by the Office of the President of the Philippines last May 17, 2022 at the Malacañang Palace Guest House. By reaching Level II of the Philippine Quality Award (PQA), USM has achieved significant progress in building sound processes which demonstrates the institution's commitment to excellence and its dedication to upholding quality standards in education.

The conferment ceremony facilitated by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), was attended by high-ranking officials of the DTI and the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), awardees representing their respective organizations, PQA board of judges, and PQA assessors. Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin represented President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. in awarding trophies to the 12 awardees of the 25th PQA Cycle.

President Francisco Gil N. Garcia, PhD and the Chairman of USM BOR, Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat, PhD received the award for the University of Southern Mindanao.

The Philippine Quality Award (PQA), is the centerpiece program of the National Action Agenda for Productivity (NAAP), the blueprint for the country's integrated approach to improve economy-wide productivity. It sets a standard of excellence to help Filipino organizations achieve world-class performance and serves as a "template" for competitiveness based on the principles of Total Quality Management (TQM).

Through the award, the University of Southern Mindanao has once again proven its lead in the delivery of quality education as it is the first and the only HEI (Higher Education Institution) in the province and only the second HEI in Region 12 to have been conferred the award.

USM was evaluated in various aspects of its operations, including leadership, strategy, customers, measurement, analysis and knowledge management, and human resource.

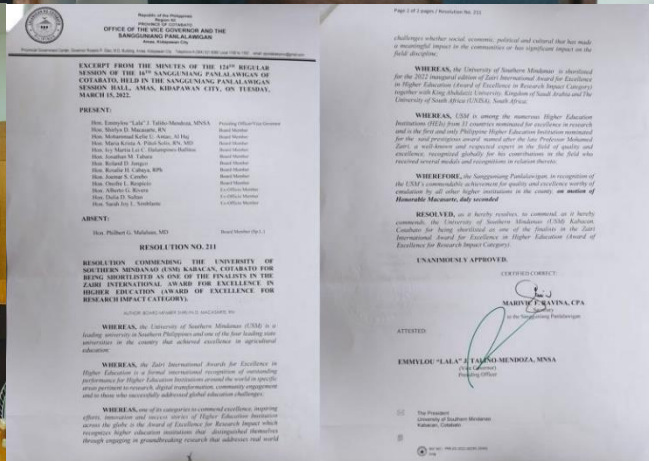


Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-conferred-recognition-for-proficiency-in-quality-management-by-malacanang/>

Resolution of Commendation from Provincial Government of Cotabato



The Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on its 124th Regular Session held on March 15, 2022 had passed and approved Resolution No. 211: Commending the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) Kabacan, Cotabato for being shortlisted as one of the finalists in the Zairi International Award Excellence for Higher Education (Award of Excellence for Research – Impact Category) (Award of Excellence for Research – Impact Category). The Plaque of Commendation was received this morning by Dr. Ma. Teodora N. Cabasan – Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension, and Prof. Bryan Lloyd P. Bretaña – Executive Assistant for International Linkages/Programs (Research) during the 126th Regular Session of SP at Gov. Rosario P. Diaz Building, Amas, Kidapawan City.



Link to article in the USM Website: <https://www.usm.edu.ph/usm-receives-plaque-of-commendation-from-sangguniang-panlalawigan-ng-cotabato/>

Plaque of Recognition on internationalization initiatives of the University



This distinguished Plaque of Recognition, conferred by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Office, stands as a formal and prestigious testament to the University of Southern Mindanao's (USM) exceptional commitment to advancing its global footprint. Presented on September 22, 2022, the award specifically honors the university's strategic and impactful internationalization initiatives and programs, which have significantly elevated its academic profile and service beyond national borders. It symbolizes an official endorsement from the country's premier higher education body, validating USM's successful efforts in fostering cross-cultural academic exchanges, building robust international partnerships, and integrating a global perspective into its curriculum and research endeavors.

The plaque itself serves as a permanent record of this milestone, commemorating the university's achievement in aligning with both national and global educational standards. By receiving this accolade, USM is not only recognized for its past accomplishments but is also galvanized to continue its trajectory as a leading higher education institution in the Philippines.

The award, dated September 22, 2022, marks a significant moment in USM's history, underscoring its dedication to cultivating globally competitive graduates and contributing meaningfully to the international academic community.



Plaque of Recognition Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Korea International Cooperation Agency

This Plaque of Recognition was presented to the University of Southern Mindanao in profound appreciation of its invaluable partnership and exceptional contributions to the project “Support to Agriculture and Agribusiness Enterprises in Mindanao for Sustainable Development.” Forged through the strategic alliance of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), this initiative has been significantly enriched by USM’s expertise and commitment. The University’s role as a cornerstone of agricultural knowledge and innovation in the region has been instrumental in driving the project's mission to empower local communities and strengthen the foundations of a resilient agribusiness sector.

Awarded on the 20th of June 2024 in Cotabato City, this honor celebrates the tangible impact of USM’s collaboration, which has directly advanced sustainable development goals across Mindanao. Through the dedicated efforts of its faculty, researchers, and extension specialists, USM has provided critical technical support, capacity-building, and research-driven solutions that have elevated farming practices and entrepreneurial ventures.

