



Sfax, a representative coastal city in southeastern Tunisia, located approximately 270 km from the capital Tunis, is distinguished by its ancient history, illustrated by its former names: Syphax during the Berber period and Taparura under the Roman Empire.

THE CITY OF SFAX

UNIVERSITY OF SFAX

Founded in May 1986 in Sfax, the university offers a wide range of programs across nearly all fields, from medicine and engineering sciences to humanities, arts, music, and sports. This diverse educational offering is underpinned by quality management, as the University of Sfax is also ISO 9001 certified, a recognition of its commitment to international management standards.



UNIVERSITY OF SFAX

- **Mission**

To offer high-quality, innovative, and responsible education.

To develop high socio-economic impact scientific research.

To engage in a committed societal mission.

- **Vision**

To become an entrepreneurial university serving sustainable socio-economic and cultural development.

To position itself as a center of excellence. Interdisciplinary; Attractive; Rooted in its environment; With national and international reach.

- **Values**

Excellence; Ethics & Respect; Equity; Transparency; Responsibility & Citizenship.



UNIVERSITY OF SFAX IN FIGURES

The University of Sfax Includes:

19 Higher Education Institutions (**05** Faculties, **04** Schools,
10 Institutes)

01 Scientific Research Institute “Olivier”

35,012 Students (Including **1,235** International Students)

Success Rate. **77%** (2023/2024)

4,601 Teaching Staff

1,094 Administrative Staff



UNIVERSITY OF SFAX IN FIGURES

Overview of Degrees and Academic Programs Offered

- National Bachelor's Degree: **89** programs
- Research Master's Degree: **84** specializations, including **07** within the framework of international cooperation
- Professional Master's Degree: **103** specializations, including **11** co-developed (M2) programs
- Professional Master's Degree in Continuing Education: **07** specializations
- Doctorate Degree: **37** programs
- Preparatory Cycle: **05** programs
- Integrated Engineering Cycle: **02** programs
- Engineering Studies: **12** programs
- Doctor of Medicine Degree: **01** program



INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: A STRATEGIC PILLAR FOR EXCELLENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SFAX

C-INNOVENT Center (Center for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Transfer), including:

- **4C** – Career & Skills Certification
- **Center BUTT** – Technology Transfer Office
- **PEES** – Sfax Student Entrepreneurship Hub

Impact 2024–2025

758 participants in training/certification programs

461 certified students | **08** certified teachers

96 student entrepreneurs: **59** Initiators | **29** Innovators | **08** Promoters

05 events & workshops organized

51 students trained in entrepreneurship

121 participants in entrepreneurial events



SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY: STRUCTURES, OUTPUT, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening of Scientific Research Structures

05 Doctoral Schools (covering various fields: legal sciences, humanities, economics, etc.)

88 Research Laboratories

12 Research Units

09 Joint Research Service Units (USCR)

03 Research Centers



SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY: STRUCTURES, OUTPUT, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Scientific Output

3,663 Scientific Publications (By Scopus): (**2,815** Research Articles;

529 Conference Papers; **139** Reviews ; **60** Book Chapters ; **44** Letters ;

32 Errata ; **30** Editorials ; **07** Notes ; **04** Short Surveys ; **02** Books ; **01**

Data Paper)

106 Books Published in various fields (in 2024): Fundamental Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, Economics and Management, Political and Legal Sciences, Engineering, Health, Medical Sciences & Physical Education, and Arts & Literature.

64 Patents Filed in 2024 in the Fields of Biochemistry, Biology, Engineering, Agri-Food, Computer Science, and Health



SCIENTIFIC POTENTIAL AND INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY: STRUCTURES, OUTPUT, AND PARTNERSHIPS

Scientific Output

680 Scientific Production Incentive Grants for 2024, issued under the 2021 call; **218** Alternating Training Grants; **05** International Scholarships; **91** Habilitations (**59** in 2024 and **32** in 2025); **679** Mission Orders (**496** in 2024 and **183** in 2025); **715** Research Grants (**522** in 2024 and **193** in 2025).

Academic Mobility

156 University Agreements (**58** with Arab institutions and **98** with foreign institutions), **53** Inter-institutional Agreements, **21** Double Degree Agreements
1,578 Joint PhD Supervision Agreements, **08** Co-supervision Agreements
162 International Programs (**06** H2020; **90** Erasmus+ KA1; **31** Erasmus+ KA2; **08** Erasmus Mundus; **27** Tempus), **97** International Projects



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – EXCELLENCE AND ACADEMIC INFLUENCE

THE Rankings (Times Higher Education)

- Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025
TN **2nd nationally** |  **351–400** worldwide
- World University Rankings 2025
TN **2nd nationally** |  **1001–1200** worldwide
- Impact Rankings 2025
TN **2nd nationally** |  **1001–1200** worldwide
- Young University Rankings 2024
TN **2nd nationally** |  **251–300** worldwide
- THE Arabic 2024
TN **2nd nationally** |  **48^e arabic**



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – EXCELLENCE AND ACADEMIC INFLUENCE

Shanghai Rankings

ARWU 2024 :  1001–1200

Sport Science 2023

TN 1st national |  51–100

AD Scientific Index 2025

TN 1st national |  1369 worldwide |  22 African

Webometrics 2024

TN 1st national |  3077 worldwide |  47 African

Classement Arabe 2024

TN 2 national |  11^e arabic

UI GreenMetric 2024

TN 4 national |  1183 worldwide |  56 African



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – EXCELLENCE AND ACADEMIC INFLUENCE

CWTS Leiden 2024

TN **1^{re} nationale** |  **641^e worldwide** | **12 africain**



U.S. News 2025

TN **1st national** |  **962^e worldwide** | **42 africain**



SIGMAGO IR 2024

TN **2 national** |  **6022^e worldwide** | **77 africain**



URAP 2024

TN **2 national** |  **766^e worldwide**



QS World University Rankings 2025

 **1001–1200 worldwide** |  **62 arabic**



QS Sustainability 2025

-  **740** : Performance globale
-  **954** : Impact social
-  **603** : Impact environnemental TN **2 national** | **17 africain**



STRATEGIC AXES FOR IMPROVING THE UNIVERSITY RANKING

Strengthen Research

- * Increase the quantity and quality of scientific publications, targeting prestigious journals.
- * Promote innovative and impactful research to improve citations.

Develop International Collaborations

- * Establish sustainable academic partnerships.
- * Encourage faculty and student mobility through exchange programs.

Improve the Training Offer

- * Adapt programs to enhance national attractiveness.
- * Attract more international students.
- * Optimize graduate employability.

Modernize Infrastructure

- * Invest in laboratories, libraries, and technological equipment.



STRATEGIC AXES FOR IMPROVING THE UNIVERSITY RANKING

Strengthen Strategic Communication

- * Highlight and promote academic achievements on a national and international scale.

Ensure Sustainable Funding

- * Diversify funding sources: public funds, private partnerships, project calls.

Promote Student Mobility

- * Develop exchange agreements.
- * Enhance the reception and support of international students.

Create Socio-Economic Partnerships

- * Collaborate with businesses for training, internships, and applied research.

Mobilize the Alumni Network

- * Engage alumni in the university's outreach and financial support.



STRATEGIC AXES FOR IMPROVING THE UNIVERSITY RANKING

- ❖ A strong tradition of commitment to the SDGs and future generations
- ❖ SDGs Annual Report



STABILIZE AND STRENGTHEN RESULTS: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- ❖ Prepare an annual report on the university's activities related to the SDGs
- ❖ Establish a shared platform for data collection
- ❖ Plan meetings for the team one month before each data collection deadline
- ❖ Raise awareness about the need for greater institutional involvement
- ❖ Continue encouraging all researchers to use the University of Sfax affiliation templates in scientific publications





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