When considering universities, what is the difference between rankings and ratings?

**RANKINGS**

Who’s the best?

The *QS World University Rankings®* compare universities to one another and put them in order. Based on how the institutions perform across six indicators, QS produces rankings that are designed to assess universities in four areas:

- Research
- Teaching
- Employability
- Internationalization

Rankings often include only the top 100 or top 1000 universities across the globe, meaning that smaller or newer universities have a difficult time competing with the Harvards and Oxfords.

**RATINGS**

Who’s good at what?

A rating assesses universities and colleges on how they perform in several areas, similar to the areas considered in rankings. But rather than comparing institutions against one another, they are judged on how they perform against a set standard. *QS IGAUGE* is a rating system that has been developed taking into consideration the diversity and dynamism of the Indian higher education sector, by experts from India and abroad. It is an audit on the strengths and weaknesses of a university or college. The university/college provides QS IGAUGE with evidence across several indicators. This evidence is verified and the institute is given an overall score, as well as a score for each category. There is no limit to the number of universities or colleges that can achieve the highest score overall or in any category.