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Best Global Universities for Optics



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The study of optics deals with the genesis and propagation of light, the changes that it undergoes and produces, and other phenomena closely associated with it. This category covers topics such as lasers and laser technology, infrared physics and technology, microwave technology, quantum optics, lightwave technology, fiber optics, opto-electronics, and photonics, as well as photometry and luminescence. These are the world's top universities for optics, based on their research performance in the field. [Read the methodology »](#)

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California Institute of Technology

United States | Pasadena

#1 in Best Universities for Optics

100.0 SUBJECT SCORE

85.6 GLOBAL SCORE

2,237 ENROLLMENT



Harvard University

United States | Cambridge (U.S.)

#2 in Best Universities for Optics

98.7 SUBJECT SCORE

100.0 GLOBAL SCORE

21,887 ENROLLMENT



Stanford University

United States | Stanford

🏆 #3 in Best Universities for Optics

96.7 SUBJECT SCORE

95.2 GLOBAL SCORE

16,164 ENROLLMENT



Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

United States | Cambridge (U.S.)

🏆 #4 in Best Universities for Optics

94.7 SUBJECT SCORE

97.7 GLOBAL SCORE

11,415 ENROLLMENT



Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne

Switzerland | Lausanne

🏆 #5 in Best Universities for Optics

91.1 SUBJECT SCORE

73.2 GLOBAL SCORE

11,641 ENROLLMENT



Shenzhen University

China | Shenzhen

🏆 #6 in Best Universities for Optics

91.0 SUBJECT SCORE

59.6 GLOBAL SCORE

38,240 ENROLLMENT



Huazhong University of Science & Technology

China | Wuhan

🏆 #7 in Best Universities for Optics

89.7 SUBJECT SCORE

69.1 GLOBAL SCORE

57,167 ENROLLMENT



Zhejiang University

China | Hangzhou

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87.9 SUBJECT SCORE



70.7 GLOBAL SCORE
44,636 ENROLLMENT

Australian National University

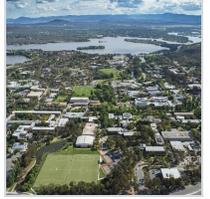
Australia | Canberra

🏆 #9 in Best Universities for Optics

87.4 SUBJECT SCORE

73.9 GLOBAL SCORE

16,758 ENROLLMENT



Nanyang Technological University

Singapore | Singapore

🏆 #10 in Best Universities for Optics

87.2 SUBJECT SCORE

79.0 GLOBAL SCORE

24,651 ENROLLMENT



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