

## QS World University Rankings: Graduate Employability 2019

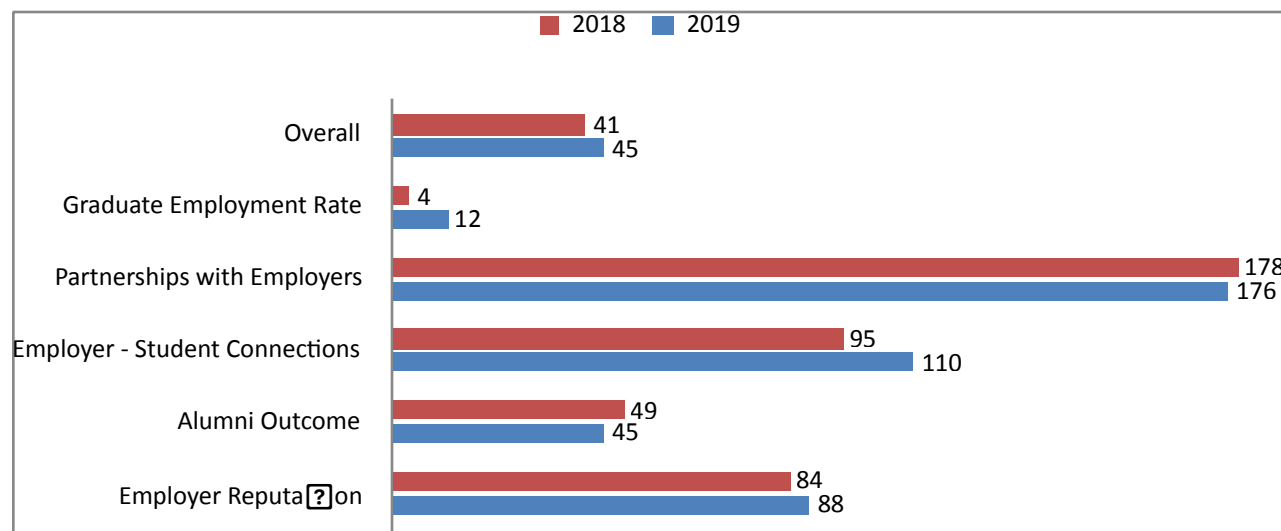
The Graduate Employability Rankings seek to compare the employability outcomes of higher education institutions across the world by considering:

- How well reputed are the institutions among employers?
- Are the institutions nurturing high-achievers?
- How connected are institutions to companies?
- How attractive are institutions recent graduates to employers?

This year we included 660 institutions in the evaluations, comprising a 10% increase in the number of institutions on last year's edition (600)

| Year | Overall Rank | Score    | % of QS Employability Rankings |
|------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 2019 | 45           | 71.4/100 | top 9%                         |
| 2018 | 41           | 72/100   | top 8%                         |

**Figure 1. Ranks by Indicator 2019 and 2018**

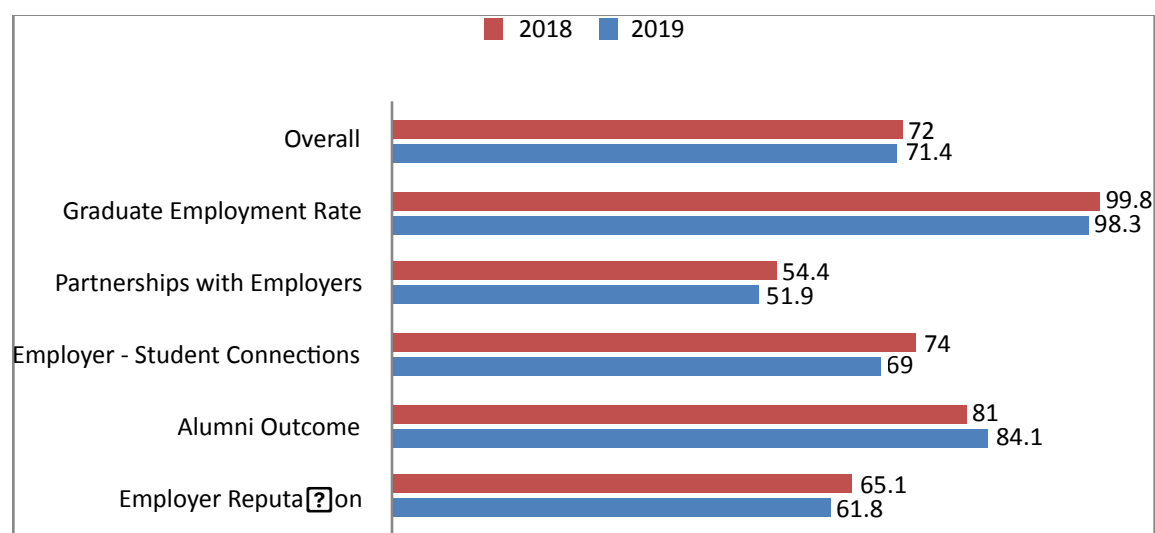


AUB maintained its excellent rankings on graduate employability with a slight drop in rank but not significant as score is nearly the same. More institutions were included this year (660) and this could explain the change in ranking.

AUB's best ranking is in Graduate Employment Rate of 12 and this is the **best rank in the country and in the region**. If this indicator was given a higher weight (10% now), AUB rank would have improved significantly. Alumni Outcomes ranking follows then Employer Reputation and both are in top 100. Our lowest rank is in partnerships with employers and this is also in top 200.

Comparison with 2018 showed slight drop in scores on some indicators (Table 1). As for local and regional comparisons, 4 universities in Lebanon entered the rankings and with respect to Middle East, AUB's average was higher on all indicators (Figure 3, Table 2).

**Figure 2. Scores by Indicator 2019 and 2018**



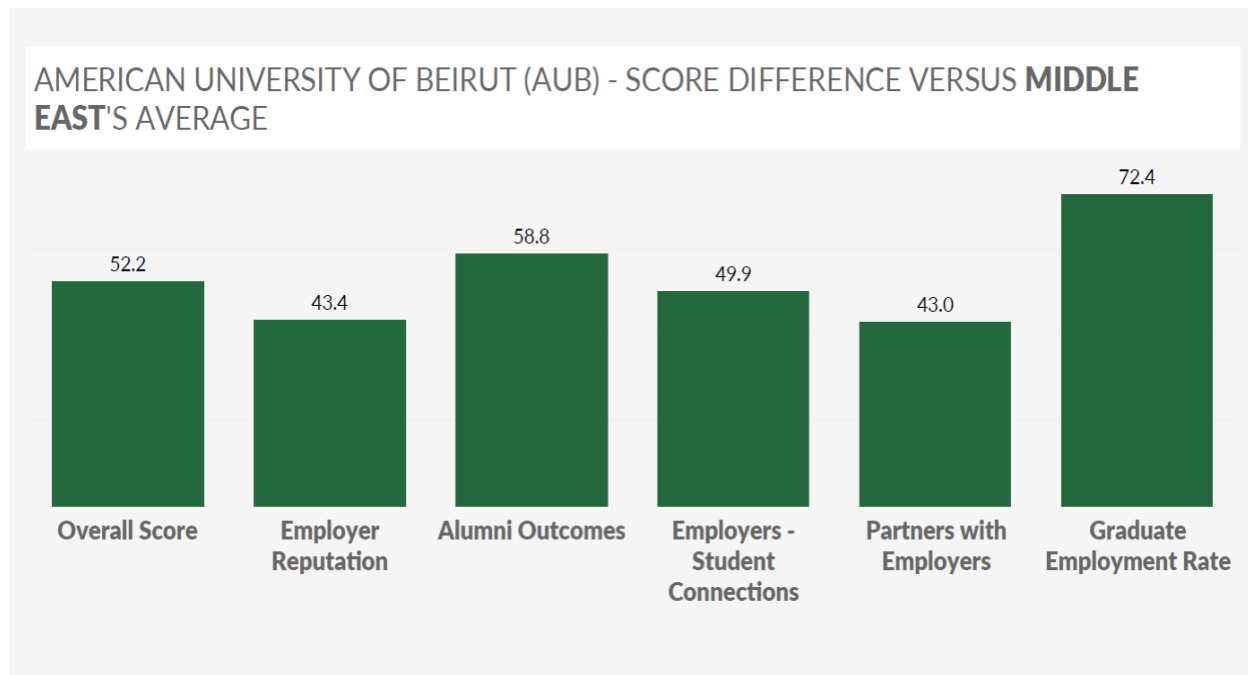
**Table 1. Summary Statistics by Scores and Ranks for 2018 and 2019**

|                                | Weights | Ranks |      | $\Delta$ | Scores |      | $\Delta$ |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------|------|----------|--------|------|----------|
|                                |         | 2019  | 2018 |          | 2019   | 2018 |          |
| Employer Reputation            | 30      | 88    | 84   | ↓        | 61.8   | 65.1 | ↓        |
| Alumni Outcome                 | 25      | 45    | 49   | ↑        | 84.1   | 81   | ↑        |
| Employer - Student Connections | 25      | 110   | 95   | ↓        | 69     | 74   | ↓        |
| Partnerships with Employers    | 10      | 176   | 178  | ↑        | 51.9   | 54.4 | ↓        |
| Graduate Employment Rate       | 10      | 12    | 4    | ↓        | 98.3   | 99.8 | ↓        |
| Overall                        | 100     | 45    | 41   | ↓        | 71.4   | 72   |          |

**Table 2 Comparisons with regional ratios**

| Ratios                                        | AUB   | Regional Average |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| Employer Connections per 1000 Students        | 23.3  | 13.9             |
| Internship Partnerships per 100 Faculty Staff | 71.7  | 33.8             |
| Research Collaboration with Leading Companies | 9.0   | 6.6              |
| Graduate Employment Rate (%)                  | 93.0% | 84.6             |

**Figure 3 AUB score difference versus Middle East average**



### **2018 Global Skills Gap Report**

Digging deeper into the QS Global Employer Survey dataset, QS has just released a brand-new Global Skills Gap Report, where the mismatch between graduate skills and employer expectations is examined in the context of the fourth industrial revolution. Below is a snapshot of the current picture on the graduate skills gap worldwide

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