

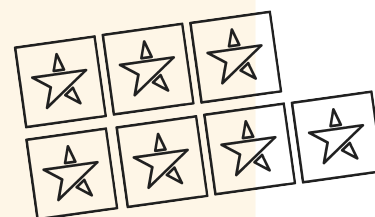


QS Stars Case Study: Tashkent State University of Law

Established in 1991 as an independent university, Tashkent State University of Law is the oldest law institution in Uzbekistan. TSUL is located in the heart of Tashkent, close to the Supreme Court, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Internal Affairs. Our graduates are recognised as some of the world's most influential leaders.

Our distinguished professors are pioneers in law and include CEOs of national corporations, members of parliament and Olympic champions.

There are more than 10,000 members among TSUL's alumni, and many hold senior management positions in the judicial system, prosecutor office and other law enforcement agencies.



As one of the leading institutions in Uzbekistan, what does it mean for your institution to be awarded with a 4 Stars rating?

Tashkent State University of Law is one of the leading universities in Uzbekistan and it is a principal institution in the field of jurisprudence. The university is the biggest law school in the country with over 100 years of experience.

TSUL has established collaborations with international organisations and global partners, in particular with QS.

Being awarded the 4 Stars rating means the recognition of our hard work and our partners at QS, which we greatly appreciate.

It's an accolade which demonstrates honour and trust from the higher education community and inspires us to work further and aspire to 5 Stars in the future.

It's a historic achievement for us because Tashkent State University of Law is the first university in Uzbekistan to be awarded a 4 Stars rating.

Describe how QS Stars has helped your institution to achieve its goals and objectives.

In 2015, all members of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), Uzbekistan has adopted a number of legal acts, in particular in the field of education. QS World University Rankings, in particular the QS Stars rating system, operates on the basis of and in pursuance of the SDGs, especially in the field of education and science.

TSUL is committed to globalisation, international integration and the transition to the University 4.0 model. To this end, the university has generated its development strategy until 2030, which absorbs the concept of "World - Country - University".

The QS Stars rating system assists TSUL in facilities, graduate employability, social responsibility, inclusiveness and more.

It's a brilliant platform for us to identify our strengths and weaknesses, use undiscovered



opportunities, and ensure international competitiveness so we can further promote the university at home and abroad.

We greatly appreciate all the efforts of QS in helping the university to participate in QS Stars. We are also grateful for the training and guidance of our specialists and for the online support and technical assistance provided, which also helped in improving our capacity building.

Now work is underway to strengthen each of our key indicators and we are striving towards continued success.

Apart from institutional goals and objectives, are there any other key benefits that your institution has gained from QS Stars?

In many ways, our goals, interests and plans are closely aligned with QS Stars. However, QS Stars helped us to pay attention to some key focus points – we reconsidered the university’s strategy for working with potential employers, with TSUL alumni, social responsibility, inclusiveness and internationalisation.

After our first connections with the QS Stars team, we opened the TSUL Endowment Fund,

which subsidises activities to achieve key indicators specified in the University’s Strategy until 2030 and in the QS Stars rating system.

After being awarded with a 4 Stars rating, our partnerships with international educational organisations, global higher education institutions and research institutes have strengthened, accelerated, and reached a new level.

Does having a QS Stars rating help your institution to attract and engage more with prospective students? How about current students, do they perceive TSUL differently?

Having a QS Stars rating has further enhanced our prestige and taken our educational institution to the next level. The brand of Tashkent State University of Law has become widely known in the region and abroad.

If you look closely at numbers: in 2018 the university admitted 726 applicants, in 2019 - 768, in 2020 - 800, in 2021 - 865, in 2022 - 986. The indicator of international students is as follows: in 2018 the university accepted 18 applicants, in 2019 - 25, in 2020 - 34, in 2021 - 36, in 2022 - 54. This is just the beginning.



Students who graduated from TSUL in 2019 perceive TSUL in a different way – in their opinion, the university has changed a lot.

After being awarded with 4 Stars rating, more and more of our graduates have begun to be accepted into international master's and doctoral degree programmes of the top 500 universities of the world, and employers rate of satisfaction with the level of hard and soft skills of our graduates has increased.



How has being rated the highest in Teaching and Employability helped your institution be further recognised in these areas?

TSUL has a good reputation within the country due to the strong established traditions of teaching and research.

Now realities are changing rapidly and government agencies, representatives of the private sector, law firms, bar associations, research institutes and other potential employers are setting new requirements for graduates, which requires the university to heighten the quality of education and research.



Before being rated the highest in Teaching and Employability, the university team did a great job of transforming educational programmes and interacting with potential employers.

After being rated the highest in Teaching and Employability, Tashkent State University of Law launched the "Patron of the Arts" programme, according to which potential employers can provide the university with desired hard and soft skills which students should have and weekly job fairs began to be held in the Great Hall of the university.



Your programme Law & Legal studies has recently been awarded Specialist Criteria by QS Stars. How has this impacted the course?

QS Stars has helped us to improve the quality of education by implementing new and practice-orientated teaching methods in our university's Law courses.

We have managed to improve our curriculum, focus on soft skills, cooperate with stakeholders and support students with teaching practices which further their employability.



“The criteria and analysis of the QS Stars rating has helped us to understand our achievements and recognise what we need to do in order to further develop the quality of our education and research and improve university facilities.

We look forward to continuing to use QS Stars and becoming a well-known and world-class university.”



Islombek Rustambekov
Rector



QS Stars explained

QS Stars is a globally-recognised rating system for higher education institutions. Ratings are achieved through an in-depth assessment across at least eight categories, resulting in an overall rating of 1 to 5+ Stars and a rating of 1 to 5 Stars for each category.

Following the assessment, QS provides a detailed report summarising the results in each category. This allows institutions to recognise their strengths, as well as weaker areas which may require attention and improvement.

The QS Stars package also includes a set of badges with the ratings achieved overall and in each category. Institutions may use these in their own marketing materials to show prospective students their strengths in areas that matter most, such as Teaching and Employability.

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Internationalisation



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Law and Legal Studies



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