

## Countries and Cultures Pathfinder

<http://www.alverno.edu/library/researchhelp/courseguideswikis/#nursing>

### **Books, ebooks, and DVDs**

Start by visiting the Alverno Library's homepage: <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>

From the homepage, users can access Summon and the online catalog TOPCAT. **Summon** is an "all in one" tool that allows you to search multiple resources at one time. Summon is useful when you're starting to investigate a topic or you're not sure where to begin. **TOPCAT** is the catalog of items found in the Alverno Library collection, as well as the collections of the SWITCH library consortium. Use Summon or TOPCAT to search for books, ebooks, DVDs, and other items.

To find information on specific cultures or countries, search using the name of the culture or county. Otherwise, consider using the following search terms:

- Cross cultural studies
- Ethnology
- Globalization
- Global Studies
- Multiculturalism
- World cultures

Here is a sampling of books from Alverno's collection:

- *Countries of the world and their leaders yearbook* - [Ref 909.09 C855](#)
- *CultureGrams* - [Ref 303.482 C968](#)
- *Ethnic families in America: Patterns and variations* - [Ref 305.8 E84f 2012](#)
- *The Greenwood encyclopedia of women's issues worldwide* - [Ref 305.403 G816](#)
- *International encyclopedia of adolescence* - [Ref 305.235 I61](#)
- *Multicultural America: An encyclopedia of the newest Americans* [ebook](#)
- *The Statesman's year-book* - [Ref 305 S797](#)
- *Worldmark encyclopedia of cultures and daily life* [ebook](#)

**Tip:** Don't forget about the convenient SWITCH delivery service. You can request available materials quickly and easily from any library in the SWITCH consortium. The SWITCH collection is just a click away! Ask a librarian for details.

### **Databases and Journal Articles**

Alverno subscribes to many databases that provide access to scholarly journal articles and other quality resources. From the Alverno Library's homepage, click "Finding Information", select "[Databases by Subject](#)" and click "General Databases", "Multicultural Studies", or "Sociology". Here are a few suggestions:

- Credo Reference
- Academic Search Premier
- African American Experience
- American Indian Experience
- Latino American Experience

**Tip:** Use synonyms when searching for information. For example - United States, United States of America, and U.S.A. are all synonyms for the same country.

## **Websites**

The Alverno Library provides access to a collection of librarian selected websites. From the library's homepage, click "Finding Information", select "[Best Web Sites](#)" and click "Countries and Regions", "Global Studies & International Affairs", or "Government". Here is a partial listing:

### **Countries and Regions:**

#### **BBC News: Country Profiles**

This site provides information on countries and territories worldwide. Each profile includes an overview, which provides a brief historical background and a synopsis of current political events. Selected video and audio clips from the BBC archives are also included.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/country\\_profiles/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/country_profiles/default.stm)

#### **Background Notes**

Produced by the U.S. Department of State, Background Notes are factual publications that contain information on the countries of the world with which the United States has relations.

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

#### **Country Studies / Area Handbooks**

From the Library of Congress, this site provides education, health, political, social, and economic information for countries throughout the world.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

#### **The World Factbook**

Compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), this well organized site provides comprehensive and up-to-date information for most countries of the world. Topics covered include geography, people and society, economy, energy, communications, military, and transportation.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

### **Government:**

#### **Foreign Affairs Online**

This comprehensive resource is specifically designed to assist students and other individuals interested in international relations, international law, and U.S. foreign policy.

<http://people.virginia.edu/~rjb3v/rjb.html>

#### **United Nations (U.N.)**

This site provides information on U.N. activities, documents, and links to U.N. resources around the world.

<http://www.un.org/en/>

**Need more information? Be sure to contact an Alverno librarian at (414) 382-6062.**