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Countries and Cultures Pathfinder

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Books, Videos and DVDs

Found on the Alverno Library’s homepage, <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>, our online catalog [TOPCAT](#) provides access to many print and electronic resources. You will find materials on different countries, globalization, world cultures, and more. To find information on specific cultures or countries, search TOPCAT 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
- World politics

Here is a sampling of books from Alverno’s reference collection.

- *Worldmark encyclopedia of cultures and daily life* – [Gale Virtual Reference](#) book. Ask a librarian for assistance.
- *Countries of the world and their leaders yearbook* - [Ref 909.09 C855](#)
- *CultureGrams* - [Ref 303.482 C968](#)
- *Encyclopedia of world cultures* - [Ref 306 E56](#)
- *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](#)
- *The Statesman's year-book* - [Ref 305 S797](#)

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

Databases and Journal Articles

Alverno subscribes to some great databases. 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:

- Global Issues in Context
- Academic Search Premier
- African American Experience
- American Indian Experience
- Latino American Experience

Tip: Remember to use synonyms when searching for information on different cultures. For example, the term Hispanic is considered a synonym for the Hispanic American and Latino culture.

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 concise information on countries, territories, and selected international organizations. 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

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. They include facts on the country's land, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and more.

<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 of foreign countries.

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

The World Factbook

This site, compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), has general and up-to-date information on most countries of the world.

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

Global Studies & International Affairs:

Centre for Intercultural Learning

This site contains country facts and cultural information on the countries of the world and provides insight into social customs and norms.

<http://www.international.gc.ca/cfsi-icse/cil-cai/index-eng.asp>

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://www.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.