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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 quality 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 and their call numbers from Alverno’s reference collection.

- *Countries and their cultures* - Ref 306 C855
- *Countries of the world and their leaders yearbook* - Ref 909.09 C855
- *CultureGrams* - Ref 303.482 C968
- *Encyclopedia of urban cultures: Cities and cultures around the world* - Ref 307.7 E56
- *Encyclopedia of world cultures* - Ref 306 E56
- *Ethnic families in America: Patterns and variations* - Ref 305.8 E84m
- *Gale encyclopedia of multicultural America* Ref 305.8 G151
- *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
- *World at risk: a global issues sourcebook* - Ref 909 W9273

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

### Databases and Journal Articles

Alverno subscribes to some great databases! From the Alverno Library’s homepage, click “**Databases by Subject**” and select “**General Databases**”, “**Multicultural Studies**”, or “**Sociology**”. Here are a few of our databases that offer access to quality information.

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

**Tip:** Remember to use synonyms when searching for information on cultures. For example, these search terms all represent related ethnic groups: Hispanics, Hispanic Americans, Latinos, and Mexican Americans.

## Websites

The Alverno Library provides access to a collection of librarian recommended web sites organized by subject. From the library's homepage, click "**Best Web Sites**" and select "**Countries and Regions**", "**Global Studies & International Affairs**", or "**Government**". Here is a partial listing:

### **Countries and Regions:**

#### 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/>

#### BBC News: Country Profiles

This resource provides concise information on countries, territories, and selected international organizations. Each profile includes an overview, which provides brief historical background and a synopsis of current political events. Unique features include audio of each country's national anthem along with a picture of its flag. 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)

#### CIA – The World Factbook

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

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

#### Country Studies - Federal Research Division, Library of Congress

Country Studies presents a description and analysis of the historical setting and the social, economic, political, and national security systems and institutions of countries throughout the world.

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

#### Governments of the WWW

This comprehensive database of governmental institutions on the World Wide Web contains over 17,000 entries from more than 220 countries and territories.

<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/>

#### United Nations

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

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

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