BAHAMAS 

BASIC INFORMATION

* Capital City: Nassau
* Population: 377,400
* Location: Caribbean, chain of islands in the North Atlantic Ocean, southeast of Florida, northeast of Cuba

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* The College of the Bahamas is the leading higher education institution
* Several two year universities
* Some United States universities offer degree programs in Bahamas

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/bahamas.htm>

<http://thecommonwealth.org/our-member-countries/bahamas/society>

<http://thebahamasguide.com/facts/education/>

BRAZIL 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Brasilia
* Population: 195,976,000
* Location: Atlantic coast of South America

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Approximately 1.5 million students in higher education institutions
* 83 universities, 720 independent schools and 67 federations
* Regulated through the Ministry of Education

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/78101/Brazil>

<http://iberoamerican-universities.universia.net/en/brazil/educational-system/index.html>

<http://www.schwartzman.org.br/simon/pdf/future_english.pdf>

<http://www.nafsa.org/uploadedFiles/Chez_NAFSA/Resource_Library_Assets/Networks/ACE/EDU%20Systems%20Brazil.pdf>

CAMBODIA

 BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Phnom Penh
* Population: 14.5 million
* Location: The Indochinese Peninsula, bordered by Thailand and Laos to the north and Vietnam on the east and south

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Higher Education system consists of universities, institutes, or technical institutes and a Royal academy
* Approximately 38 Public and 59 Private Higher Education Institutions
* Can award bachelors, masters, or Doctor of Philosophy

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.cambodia.org>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13006541>

<http://www.academia.edu/2300622/Cambodia_s_Higher_Education_Structure_and_the_Implications_of_the_2015_ASEAN_Economic_Community>

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTEASTASIAPACIFIC/Resources/Cambodia-HEandSkillsforLaborMarket.pdf>

CANADA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Ottawa
* Population: 32,225, 000
* The second largest country in area
* Location: North America, north of the United States

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Educate more than 1.5 million students annually
* Perform one-third of Canada’s research and development
* No federal ministry of education, provinces and territories are responsible for all levels of education

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/canada-facts/>

<http://www.canada.ca/en/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/canada>

<http://www.canadian-universities.net>

<http://www.aucc.ca/canadian-universities/>

CHINA 

 BASIC INFORMATION:

* Officially the People’s Republic of China
* The world’s most populous country with over 1.35 billion people
* Capital City: Beijing
* Location: middle and east Asia, bounded on the east by the Pacific Ocean
* Climate: continental monsoon

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Over 2,000 universities and colleges
* More than five million enrolled in degree courses; more than two million enrolled in higher education
* Bachelor, Masters, and Doctoral degrees as well as non-degree programs
* More than 60% of high school graduates in China attend a university

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

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

<http://www.china-mike.com/facts-about-china/facts-chinese-education/>

<http://www.chinatoday.com/general/a.htm>

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/china.htm>

<http://www.sicas.cn/Students/Info/Content_110621144852564.shtml>

EL SALVADOR 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: San Salvador
* Population: 6,052,064
* Location: Pacific Coast of Central America

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Three public and twelve private universities
* Enrollment age is typically between 19 and 23.

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/el-salvador.html>

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/El_Salvador.aspx>

<http://education.stateuniversity.com/pages/425/El-Salvador-HIGHER-EDUCATION.html>

ENGLAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Part of the United Kingdom
* Capital City: London
* Population: 53,012,456

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Higher Education consistent throughout the United Kingdom
* Undergraduate and Postgraduate degrees
* Undergraduate focuses heavily on developing writing and analytical skills
* More than 2 million students

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/europe/england/ukefacts.htm>

<http://www.visitengland.com>

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/700965/England>

<http://www.kic.org.uk/pathways/study-uk/education-uk/uk-education-system/>

<http://www.educationuk.org/usa/sub/higher-education/>

FINLAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Helsinki
* Population: 5.4 million
* Northernmost country in the EU
* Location: Bordered by Sweden, Norway and Russia

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Focus on learning rather than testing
* Offers all citizens equal opportunities to receive education
* Universities and polytechnics are entirely autonomous
* Most education and training is publically funded

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://finland.fi/public/default.aspx?culture=en-US&contentlan=2>

<http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/member-countries/finland/index_en.htm>

<http://www.oph.fi/english/education_system>

<http://www.euroeducation.net/prof/finco.htm>

FRANCE 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Paris
* Population: 65,821,000
* Location: Europe’s west side, bordered by the North Sea along the Channel to the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea to the south
* Most expansive country in the European Union

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Over 3,500 higher education institutions
* Higher education institutions include: grandes ecoles, specialized schools, university institutes for technology, and preparatory classes for grandes ecoles
* Follows the Bologna process (3 cycles)

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.france.fr/en.html>

<http://www.niad.ac.jp/english/overview_fr_e.pdf>

<http://www.studialisedu.net/french-education-system>

<http://highereducation.frenchculture.org>

GERMANY 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Berlin
* Population: 82,490,000
* Europe’s most populous country
* Location: Central Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, between the Netherlands and Poland, south of Denmark

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Approximately 1.98 million students
* Approximately 376 higher education institutions
* No tuition fees

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/germany-facts/>

<http://www.eupedia.com/germany/trivia.shtml>

<http://www.entdecke-deutschland.diplo.de/__Zentrale_20Komponenten/Ganze-Seiten/en/Bildung/Studienlandschaft.html?site=367613>

INDIA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: New Delhi
* Population: 1,103,596,000
* 2nd most populous country in the world
* Location: Peninsula in Indian Ocean

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)
* Approximately 677 universities
* The third largest higher education system in the world behind China and the U.S.

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/india-facts/>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-25881705>

<http://mhrd.gov.in/university-and-higher-education>

INDONESIA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Jakarta
* Population: 253, 609, 643
* Consists of 17,000 islands
* Straddles the equator
* Largest number of active volcanoes in the world

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* 53 state universities and 400 private universities
* Enrollment in higher education lags behind the rest of the region

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/indonesia.html>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/indonesia>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2014/04/education-in-indonesia/>

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/news/indonesia-struggles-to-bridge-its-skills-gap/2/2008876.article>

IRAN 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Tehran
* Population: 80,840,713
* Republic in Central Asia, south of the Caspian Sea and north of the Persian Gulf

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Approximately 3,791,000 students
* Systems supervised by the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology and Ministry of Health & Medical education

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/06/03/world/meast/iran-fast-facts/>

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/iran.html>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2013/04/wenr-april-2013-an-overview-of-education-in-iran/>

IRELAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Dublin
* Population: 4,832,765
* Location: An island in the eastern part of the North Atlantic directly west of the United Kingdom

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* 7 Universities, 14 Institutes of Technology and 7 Colleges of Education
* Planning and development of higher education and research led by the Higher Education Authority (HEA)
* One of the highest participation rates in the world

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ireland>

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Ireland.aspx>

<http://www.education.ie/en/The-Education-System/Higher-Education/>

JAMAICA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Kingston
* Population: 2.715 million
* Location: An island country situated in the Caribbean Sea; the third largest island in the Greater Antilles

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* The University Council of Jamaica (UCJ) is the national quality assurance body
* Ministry of Education has overall responsibility of education system

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/jamaica>

<http://www.factmonster.com/country/jamaica.html>

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/resources/unesco-portal-to-recognized-higher-education-institutions/dynamic-single-view/news/jamaica/>

<http://www.ucj.org.jm>

JAPAN 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital: Tokyo
* Population: 127,368,088
* Location: North Pacific off of the coast of Russia and the Korean peninsula
* Consists of four main islands and over 4,000 smaller islands in the Pacific Ring of Fire
* Over 70% of Japan is mountainous terrain

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Consists of universities, junior colleges, colleges of technology, and specialized training colleges
* Typically four year programs, excepting medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine
* 87 universities managed by government; 86 public universities; and 553 private universities

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

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

<http://www.japantravelinfo.com/top/index.php>

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/japan/en/home/living-in/information-about/education/higher-education-in-japan.html>

<http://www.unesco.org/education/wef/countryreports/japan/rapport_1.html>

KOREA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Seoul
* Divided between North and South
* Population of both North and South Korea: 51,202,130
* Location: Peninsula in North-East Asia; bordered by Amnok River to northwest and Duman River to northeast; situated between the Yellow Sea and East Sea

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Ranks number one for total education enrollment among OECD countries
* 85% of higher education institutions are private
* 7 different types of institutions: colleges and universities; industrial universities; universities of education; junior colleges; broadcast and correspondence universities; technical colleges; other miscellaneous institutions

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/AK/AK_EN_1_4_4.jsp>

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/south-korea-facts/>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2013/06/wenr-june-2013-an-overview-of-education-in-south-korea/>

NEPAL 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Kathmandu
* Population: 25,371,000
* Location: Between China and India in South Asia
* Home of Mount Everest

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Ministry of Education and Sport (MOES) is responsible for the education sector
* Enrollment over 253,886
* Over 575 Universities, Institutes or Colleges

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

[http://welcomenepal.com/promotional/#](http://welcomenepal.com/promotional/)

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/nepal>

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/countries/nepal-facts/>

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EDUCATION/Resources/278200-1121703274255/1439264-1193249163062/Nepal_CountrySummary.pdf>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2013/03/wenr-march-2013-academic-mobility-and-the-education-system-of-nepal/>

NETHERLANDS 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Also known as Holland
* Capital City: Amsterdam
* Population: 16,877,351
* Location: On the coast of the North Sea

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Binary system so choose between two types of education: research-oriented or higher professional
* A third smaller branch is the institute for international education

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/netherlands.html>

<http://www.eupedia.com/netherlands/trivia.shtml>

<http://www.studyinholland.nl/education-system>

<http://www.government.nl/issues/education/higher-education>

PAKISTAN 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Islamabad
* Largest City: Karachi
* Population: 179 million
* Location: Northwest part of South Asia
* World’s second tallest mountain Karakoram (K2)

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Divided into two main sectors: University/Degree Awarding Institutions and affiliated Colleges sector
* Predominantly public

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-south-asia-12965781>

<http://www.pakistan.gov.pk>

<http://www.hec.gov.pk/Pages/HECMain.aspx>

<http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EDUCATION/Resources/278200-1121703274255/1439264-1193249163062/Pakistan_countrySummary.pdf>

POLAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Warsaw
* Population: 38,538,447
* Location: Bordered by Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, and Russia as well as the Baltic Sea

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Fourth highest enrollment number in Europe (over 2 million students)
* Over 450 higher education institutions
* Follows the Bologna process

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/member-countries/poland/index_en.htm>

<http://www.nauka.gov.pl/en/higher-education/>

<http://www.studyinpoland.pl/konsorcjum/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16:how-media-reflects-and-affects-issues-on-internationalization-of-higher-education-in-poland&catid=17&Itemid=81>

<http://www.mastersportal.eu/articles/288/higher-education-in-poland.html>

SAUDI ARABIA 

BASIC INFORMATION:

Capital: Riyadh

Population: 27.6 million

Location: Most of the Arabian Peninsula with coastlines on the Indian Ocean, Persian Gulf, and Red Sea.

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Approximately 1 million students enrolled in Saudi universities and colleges
* 25 public universities; 9 private universities
* Under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/world/countries/saudiarabia.html>

<http://www.saudiembassy.net>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2014/11/higher-education-in-saudi-arabia/>

SCOTLAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Edinburgh
* Population: Approximately 5.2 million
* Location: Occupies the northern third of Great Britain; bordered by England
* Home to about 800 small islands

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Post-secondary education administered by the Scottish Qualifications Authority
* Political responsibility for education is vested in the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government’s Education and Lifelong Learning Department
* 19 higher education institutions
* Universities are funded by the Scottish Government via the Scottish Funding Council (SFC)

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.scotland.org/about-scotland/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/scotland>

<http://www.gtcs.org.uk/education-in-scotland/scotlands-education-system.aspx>

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/UniversitiesColleges/16640>

THAILAND 

BASIC INFORMATION:

* Capital City: Bangkok
* Population: 67,741,401
* Location: Western half od the Indochinese peninsula and northern two-thirds of the Malay peninsula in southeast Asia

HIGHER EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

* Educational policy is guided by the National Education Act
* Administered by Ministry of Education
* Approximately 1,706,516 students enrolled in universities
* Approximately 79 public universities, 71 private universities, and 20 community colleges

FIND MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/thailand>

<http://www.infoplease.com/country/thailand.html>

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/resources/unesco-portal-to-recognized-higher-education-institutions/dynamic-single-view/news/thailand/>

<http://wenr.wes.org/2014/03/education-in-thailand/>