

# Higher Education

## What Do We Mean by “Higher Education”?

The term “higher education” may be used to refer to the study of any formal, post-secondary educational institution, including two-year colleges, four-year colleges, and research universities. It typically does not encompass other post-secondary educational options such as adult, continuing, or vocational education. Specific facets of higher education that may be examined include curriculum, counseling and student services and educational administration.

## Finding Books

### Griffin

Use Griffin, the WSU Libraries' online catalog to locate books and other materials relevant to the study of higher education. You may search Griffin by author, title, or subject. Among the subject headings that may help you locate books at WSU are the following:

African Americans – Education (Higher)	College Students
College Student Development	Community Colleges
Counseling in Higher Education	Dormitories
Education, Higher	Education, Higher – Administration
Education, Higher – Costs	Education, Higher – Economic Aspects
Minority College Students	Professional Education
Sex Discrimination in Higher Education	Student Affairs Services

Find Griffin on the World Wide Web at <<http://griffin.wsu.edu/search~>>.

## Finding Articles

### ERIC (1966- ) (WWW)

This database is available online through the WSU Libraries home page. The Educational Resources Information Center produces this index to over 750 scholarly journals in the field of education. Also included is an index to thousands of "education documents," unpublished materials of all types that have been archived by ERIC and made available through the ERIC microfiche collection (including conference papers, speeches, government reports, etc.). The ERIC microfiche collection is available in the Brain Education Library. Many documents published from 1993 – are also available online through E\*Subscribe.

### Education Abstracts (1983- ) (WWW) (Z5813 .E23)

This database is available online through the WSU Libraries home page. Over 350 educational publications are indexed in this database, including periodicals, yearbooks, and monographs. Over 200 of the journals indexed in this database include full-text articles available online. The print counterpart to this database, Education Index (1929- ), is available in Brain Education Library Reference.

### Higher Education Abstracts (1965- ) (WSU Holland Reference LB2343 .C6)

This print index is available in Holland Library Reference. Approximately 200 journals are indexed for their articles relevant to higher education. From 1965-84, this index was called *College Student Personnel Abstracts* and it retains a strong focus on higher education student services. There is no electronic counterpart to this index available in the WSU Libraries.

Find electronic databases like ERIC and Education Abstracts on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.systems.wsu.edu/griffin/indexes.htm>>.

## Selected Reference Books

Philip G. Altbach, ed., *International Higher Education: An Encyclopedia* (2 vols.) (Holland Reference LB15 .I59 1991)

Margaret Barr, et al., *Handbook of Student Affairs Administration*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Holland LB2342.92 .B37 2000)

Burton R. Clark and Guy R. Neave, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Higher Education* (4 vols.) (Holland Reference LB15 .E49 1992)

William A. Kaplin and Barbara A. Lee, *The Law of Higher Education: A Comprehensive Guide to Legal Implications of Administrative Decision-Making*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Holland Reference KF4225 .K36 1995)

Asa S. Knowles, ed., *International Encyclopedia of Higher Education* (10 vols.) (Holland Reference LB15 .I57)

Judith G. Touchton and Lynne Davis, *Fact Book on Women in Higher Education* (Holland Reference LC1756 .T68 1991)

## Selected Journals

*Chronicle of Higher Education* (Holland LB2300 .C4)

*Higher Education: Handbook of Theory and Research* (on order)

*History of Higher Education Annual* (Holland LB2300 .H55)

*Journal of College Student Development* (Holland LB2343 .J64)

*Journal of Higher Education* (Holland L11 .J78)

*NASPA Journal* (Holland LB2300 .N2)

*Review of Higher Education* (Holland LA226 .R48) (also available online)

For a comprehensive listing of journals in the field of higher education, visit the Association for Institutional Research “Higher Education Publications” page at <<http://airweb2.org/links/higherpu.cfm>>.

In addition, you may consult a variety of useful monographic series related to higher education that are available through the WSU Libraries, including *New Directions for Community Colleges*, *New Directions for Higher Education*, *New Directions for Student Services*, the *ASHE-ERIC Higher Education Reports*, and the *ASHE Reader* series. See a librarian for help in locating these materials.

## Web Sites

- Association for Institutional Research – Higher Education Associations <<http://airweb2.org/links/assoc.cfm>>
- Association for the Study of Higher Education <<http://www.ashe.missouri.edu/>>
- ERIC Clearinghouse for Community Colleges <<http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/ERIC/eric.html>>
- ERIC Clearinghouse for Higher Education <<http://www.eriche.org/main.html>>
- Student Affairs.com <<http://studentaffairs.com/>>