

The World's Top Universities

Many Vietnamese school students would like to attend a university in a different country. This is unsurprising, as universities in developing countries often do not have the resources and history to compete with institutions in developed countries. Indeed, according to The Times newspaper, seven of the ten best universities in the world are in the United States and three are in Britain; Vietnam's best college is rated 800th.

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Although wealth and age play a part in a university's reputation, the oldest in the world is Al-Quaraouiyine University in Morocco, founded in 859, and the fifth richest is King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia – neither are ranked in the top 1,000.

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However, perhaps the most important factor in the reputation of a university is its integrity. Universities that allow cheating or bribery are not trusted, and the degrees they award become worthless as an employer does not know whether the student actually studied anything or simply paid for a diploma. Ultimately, the biggest asset that the top universities have is the rules of honesty that they enforce.

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Where is the oldest university in the world?

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The top ten universities in the world are all in which two countries?

Where would you most like to study?