

Information about the College/University dataset and interactive map

List of Variables

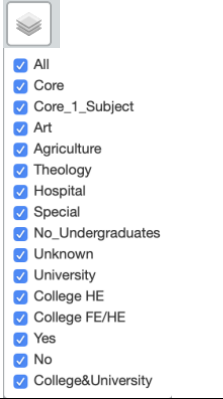

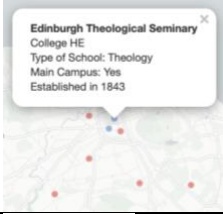
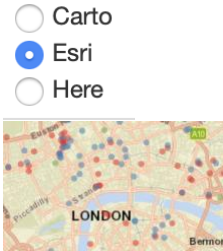
Variable Name	Remarks
Name	Name of college or university
Campus	Name of campus
Main Campus	Options: “yes” or “no”
Latitude	
Longitude	
Institution Type	Options: “University”, “Higher Education”, “Further Higher Education”
Date of Foundation	The year of foundation of the university or college. If there were predecessor institutions, the earliest foundation date of the predecessor institution was chosen. Often institutions started out with a rather specialized curriculum. This is indicated in parentheses.
At location	The year when the campus opened or if available teaching at the campus started.
University Status	The year when university status was granted.
Date of Closure	The year when the campus closed. “n/a” means that no closing date was found, most often because the campus is still active.
Date of Foundation (numerical)	Same as “Date of Foundation” but without additional information in parentheses.
Number of Students	The number of students as of 2020 per university or college. Note, that this information is only available on the institution and not campus level.
Curriculum	Study areas offered at the campus (many different text entries)
Curriculum Categorical (Type of school)	10 curriculum categories: “Agriculture”, “All”, “Art”, “Core”, “Core 1 Subject”, “Hospital”, “No Undergraduates”, “Special”, “Theology”, “Unknown” Further information on the categories can be found below
Private vs Public	Indicates whether a institution is privately or publicly financed, options: „private“, „public“ or n/a
Source	Contains the internet source of the lists we used to include colleges or universities in our data set. The associated information on the institution or campus location itself was gathered from various data sources such as the institution’s website, online newspaper articles, Wikipedia and google maps.

Curriculum Categorical explained

The variable called *type of school* (or curriculum categorical) describes what areas of studies are offered at the respective location. Most categories are self-explanatory. However, the categories *All*, *Core*, *Core 1 Subject* and *Special* require further explanation. *All* includes campus locations offering a broad variety of subjects. Most non-specialised single-campus colleges and most main campuses of universities fall into that category. We defined natural sciences, engineering, medicine, business/economics, law, history and political sciences to be core study areas. If a campus offered courses in two or three core study areas, it was included in *Core*. If only one core study area was covered at a location, it was categorized as *Core 1 Subject*. *Special* includes mostly research and sports facilities.

Interactive Map – User Guide

The interactive map contained in CollegeUniversityMap.html can be used to explore the college data set. This user guide explains the various interactive features.

	<p>When you first open the map, all available categories are displayed. Click on the symbol in the bottom left corner to choose the categories you want to display. E.g. if only “University”, “College HE” and “College HE/FE” are ticked, you see all campus locations with different colors for university, college higher education and college further and higher education. The legends in the top right corner adjust depending on what categories are chosen. It is generally advisable to only look at categories within one legend list to avoid overlap of locations (i.e. if you see multiple legends in the top right corner, try to untick some categories).</p>
	<p>You can zoom in and out the map with the “+” and “-“ symbols in the top left corner. You can also use “Cmd”+”Shift” (Windows: “Ctrl”+”Shift”) to select an area with your mouse to zoom in. You can adjust the view with the arrow keys on your keyboard. If you want to return to the original zoom level, use the symbol below the “+” and “-“ symbols.</p>
	<p>If you want to get additional information on a campus location, simply click on the respective circle. A pop-up window will appear with the name of the institution and campus, the Institution type, the type of school, whether it is the main campus and the date of foundation.</p>
	<p>You can also choose the type of map you want to use. Select “Carto”, “Esri” or “Here” in the bottom left corner. “Carto” is quite plain and does not contain labels. Hence, it is perfect to really focus on the college/university data. “Esri” is colourful and contains labels. It can be helpful for orientation, if you are not an expert of UK geography. “Here” is an alternative to “Esri”. However, it does not work well on every zoom level.</p>