

Education in Myanmar

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The entire education system is under controlled of Ministry of Education. The private high schools and universities are allowed to open in 2011 officially but only allow teaching the syllabus of the government education system. Myanmar has over 90 percent rate of literacy according to UNESCO.

Primary and Secondary Education

The children who are over 2 years old can go to preschool. The government Primary School accepts all the children above 4 years and 8 months old for kindergarten and continuous to Grade 5. Middle School (Secondary School) starts from Grade 6 and finishes at Grade 9. After that, Grade 10 and Grade 11 are for High School. Therefore, most of the students are 16 year old when they finish their High School.

Primary Education

<u>Level/grade</u>	<u>Average age</u>
Pre-School	2 - 4
Kindergarten	5

Middle School (Secondary Education)

<u>Level/Grade</u>	<u>Average age</u>
Grade 1	6
Grade 2	7
Grade 3	8
Grade 4	9
Grade 5	10
Grade 6	11
Grade 7	12
Grade 8	13
Grade 9	14

High School (Secondary Education)

<u>Level/Grade</u>	<u>Average age</u>
Grade 10	15
Grade 11	16

University Education

Myanmar has more than 150 universities and colleges and run by state government. Nearly all major universities are in Yangon and Mandalay. Rangoon (Yangon) University is one of the oldest universities in South East Asia since 1878. But the education system was ruined under the control of the military government till 2009. But the new government is opening up and trying to raise the education system since the U Thein Sein became the president. In 2011, new private colleges appeared in Yangon and Mandalay such as Myanmar Nobel College, Myanmar Victory College and Chin Twin Colleges. Moreover, the Government universities are going to upgrade their education system with the help of United State.