

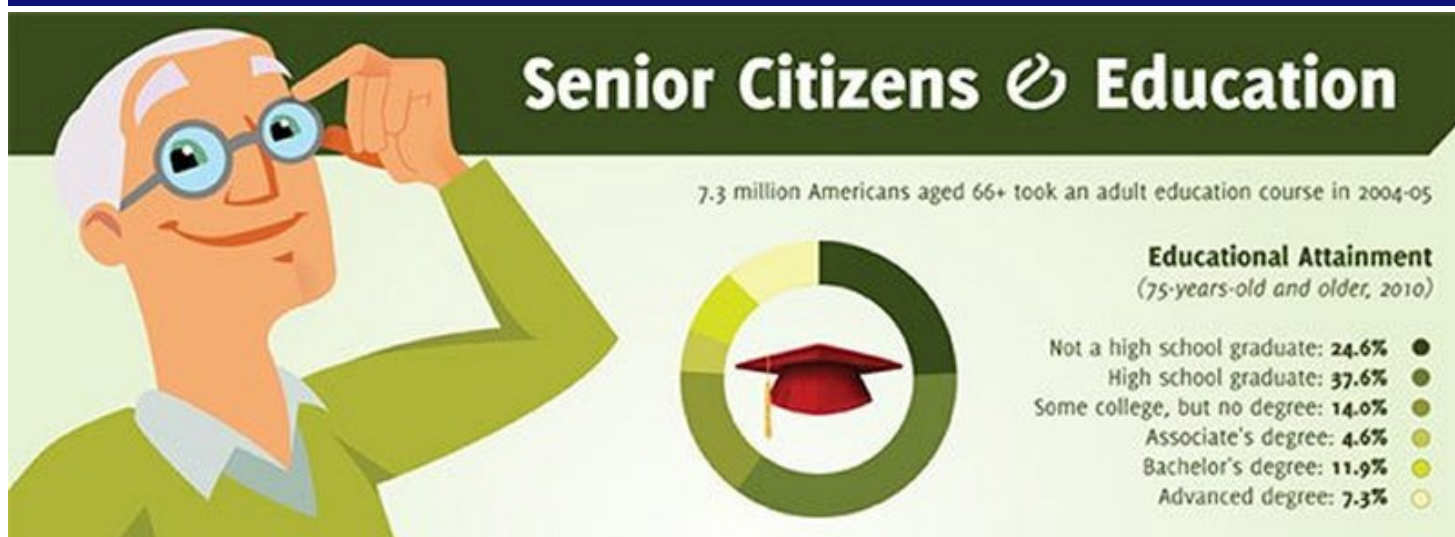


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- Please send items of possible interest to the editor, [Tom Holloway](mailto:Tom.Holloway@u3a.org.uk).



Sixty is the new 45, 80 is the new 60, and 100 is ... well, really old. But even centenarians know that once you stop learning, you start dying, to quote Albert Einstein. Here at <http://www.onlinecolleges.net/> are 10 trends involving senior citizens and education that remind us you're only as old as you feel. More details [here >>>](#) (Thank you, Dr. Vyasamoorthy).

Compton Verney Art Gallery and Activity Centre - Warwickshire



Curious Beasts: *Animal Prints from the British Museum - Until 15 December.* Explore the animal world through beautiful and bizarre imagery found in prints of the 15th to the early 19th centuries. Featuring prints by Albrecht Dürer, Francisco de Goya and George Stubbs. [Find out more. >>>](#)

Pop-up printmakers studio

Tuesdays and Sundays until 15 December

Find out first-hand about printmaking in our pop-up studio. See the tools which are used, learn about printmaking techniques and meet our artist-in-residence Kate Da'Casto from Leicester Print Workshop. She will be in the studio every Tuesday and Saturday demonstrating the printmaking processes on a working press. [Find out more >>>](#)



The Proceedings of the Friesian School, *Fourth Series*



Philosophy Groups: A fascinating website, highly polemical, but well worth study. In the opinion of this editor, the '[Friesian manifesto](#)' alone merits reprinting and discussion, as may be concluded from the following....

"The essays at this site, addressing many philosophical, historical, scientific, religious, economic, legal, and political issues, range from the fully annotated and technical to more informal and discursive discussions, often originally written for undergraduate classes. Many items therefore should be intelligible to those not familiar with all the arcana of academic philosophy, or with academic philosophy at all. This is done deliberately, since the trend, by which philosophy has become obscure and esoteric and mostly dropped out of popular and literate culture, should be resisted".

All users: [Adblock Plus](#) is a freeware program which blocks advertisements when viewing websites, even BBCNews and YOUTUBE. It may be added to a browser (Explorer, Firefox, Opera, Chrome) as an 'extension'. (Thank you Rona Brightwell).



Sci/Tech Groups: Started in 1995 as a service for US Schools, [ScienceDaily](#) has grown to be a news service with roughly 2,000 contributing organizations worldwide, partnerships with major content providers, and technical support services. There are plenty of clear explanations and a wide range of down-loadable video-clips.

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The Forum meets online on the first Sunday of every month, starting at 9am UK time (7pm Brisbane time), using the flashmeeting/tele-conference facilities of the [UK Open University](#) hosted by the University of East Anglia. To take part you will need mic/speakers and a webcam. To begin with meetings will be limited to only 10 participants, but we hope to extend this soon. [Go to **www.u3aforum.org** or click here to learn more >>>](http://www.u3aforum.org)



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