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Country guide to Studying in the US

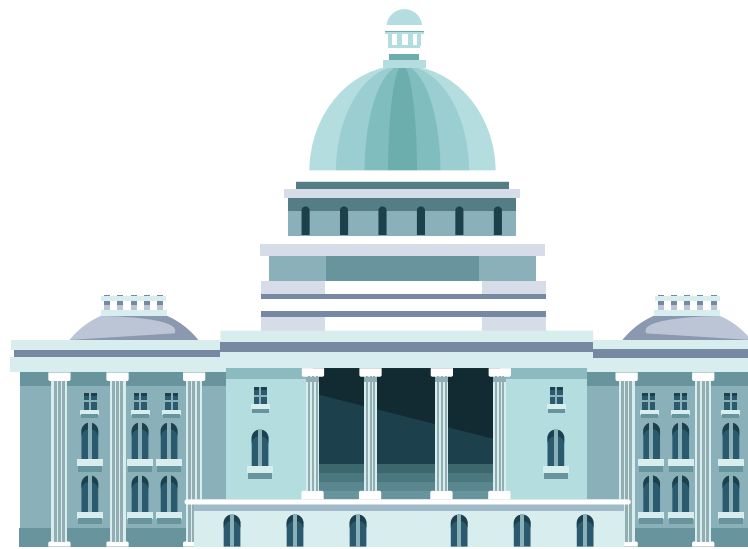
Thoroughly curated guide by us to help you understand every aspect of your study abroad journey in depth.



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USA**

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Why US

American universities are widely known for the impeccable standard of their teaching and research. The United States is the favourite and largest destination for international students seeking education overseas. Today about 30 per cent of all current international students are studying in the United States.



Benchmark for World-class education

UK higher education degrees and qualifications are recognized and revered by employers and academics worldwide. They have a reputation for world-class research. Students get the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge, critical thinking, and connections to drive forward their careers.



Student Diversity

The United States is among the foremost culturally diverse countries in the world. International students from across the world come to the United States for higher studies. If they study in the US, they're going to have the chance to learn new languages, make friends and explore new cultures.



Internships & career

Universities in the United States offer internship programs to kick start the student's professional career. Many students obtain internships during their college years and get the advantage of having hands-on experience and obtain access to better-paying jobs after graduation.

Why US

Programs are available in conventional subjects as professional modern fields. Because of their humanistic discipline system and powerful STEM programs, the US produces students who are well educated across multiple disciplines. Qualifications awarded by U.S. universities are recognized throughout the globe for his or her academic brilliance.



Flexibility

Students in the United States typically aren't required to declare a major until the end of their second year of study in the Undergraduate level.

Moreover, at the advanced stages of an undergraduate program, a student can tailor the program to satisfy specific career aspirations like combining courses in contemporary jazz music with engineering! At the graduate level, one can make their timetable and complete course credits at a cushty pace within the stipulated time-frame.



Campus Life

U.S. universities offer a range of choice of educational, cultural and athletic activities to choose from which not only enriches the learning experience but also help students make new friends and become global citizens. The university various sports teams for basketball, rowing, cricket in addition to fraternities, regional and ethnic clubs.

Education in the United States

If you are not familiar with the U.S. university system, things can get a little confusing, particularly when it comes to working out what courses you want to take up. It's important to know that there are a lot of different opportunities in the US besides studying in a very prestigious university. With that being said, the following are different kind of universities in the US.

Public (state) College and universities

Universities in the United States, receive some level of public-sector funding, via the state government. State universities are supported by public funding, they usually charge lower tuition fees than private universities – though the actual amount students pay can vary vastly, especially once financial aid is considered.

Private College and universities

Many of the country's most elite and globally famed institutions are privately owned like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, and many more.

Overall, fees at private universities tend to be higher than those at public universities and colleges. However, Private colleges offer students smaller class sizes that help the students build a relationship with their professors and advisors. They provide a greater range of customizable degrees and be are more experiential.

Education in the United States

Community College

Community Colleges, also known as Junior Colleges or Technical Colleges, are institutions that offer higher studies of 2 years. It's equivalent to the first cycle of a university study, so it's equivalent to study two years in a University.

The student will receive an Associate Degree (A.S) once finished community college. This degree allows the student to get admitted to a 4-year university and pursue a Bachelor Degree studying for just two more years. This is why many community college students make a transfer to a university or college and get a B. A or B.S.

Based on the QS World University Ranking 2021, these are the top College and Universities in the United States for higher education:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Stanford University
- Harvard University
- California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
- University of Chicago
- Princeton University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Cornell University
- Yale University
- Columbia University



Eligibility

Applying to a university or in the United States is undoubtedly a frightening process. Keeping a track of application timelines, choosing the ideal university, preparing for standardized tests, and obtaining letters of recommendation is often a nerve-racking experience for anyone!

Before applying to a university to study in the United States, research about application cycles available, requirements and the admission process is mandatory. Applications to different courses and universities are made 3 times a year. It depends upon students' preferences which admission cycle they want to settle on. Different academic requirements to secure admissions in the United States are:

Undergraduate Programs Entry Requirements:

- ✓ ACT / SAT scorecard
- ✓ Official Transcripts issued by the previous school or college
- ✓ 2-3 Letters of recommendation from teachers or professors
- ✓ Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- ✓ Proof of funds availability for 1 year of tuition fee
- ✓ Other documents

Along with academic excellence, English proficiency is one of the deciding factors in the selection process at any college or university in the United States. There are different test requirements to study in the United States. Some of them are mentioned below.

- ✓ TOEFL
- ✓ IELTS
- ✓ PTE

Eligibility

General entrance tests needed to qualify for studying in graduate programs in the United States are:

1. GMAT

The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for students aspirin to et into management related programs. Admissions officers use the GMAT to live academic ability. ETS data has shown that GMAT scores are consistently good, though imperfect, predictors of educational success within the first year of business school. GMAT scores are also used by admissions committees as a useful guide in comparing the credentials of candidates from widely varying backgrounds.

2. GRE

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) measures the applicant's ability to succeed at graduate-school level studies, just like the SAT and ACT measure the applicant ability to succeed at undergraduate schooling. The score of the GRE is among the first factors used by university admissions officers for determining whether or not to accept the applicant into their programs. Increasingly many business schools are also accepting GRE scores to grant admission for MBA.

3. LSAT

The legal field is an ever more popular option for international students around the world. The LSAT exam is that the exam that students will get to fancy gain admission into top law schools around us.

Student Visa

As an overseas student coming to the United States, there are three distinctive student visas that they could be issued: F1 Visa, J1 Visa or M1 Visa. The F1 and J1 visas allow for the likelihood of employment in the United States during your stay, while the M1 Visa does not.

There are three kinds of student visas to the US:

F1 Student Visa: Students applying for a program that requires more than 18 study hours in a week require an F1 visa. This encompasses all undergraduate and graduate programs. Spouses or children accompanying F-1 visa recipients will travel on an F-2 visa. However, the spouses can only accompany, they are not allowed to work.

J1 Exchange Visitor Visa: The J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa is for students, visiting scholars or lecturers pursuing an exchange program. Most students enrolled in the short-term study abroad programs will travel to the United States on a J-1 visa. The J1 visa is customarily sought by a working professional who visits the United States as a part of an exchange program, hence the name Exchange Visitor Visa. These may include a 10-month vocational training or some research fellowship, etc. Spouses or children accompanying J-1 Visa recipients will travel on a J-2 Visa.

M-1 Vocational/ Non-Academic Student Visa: The M1 visa is a kind of student visa that is bespoke for vocational and technical schools. While the process for applying for the F1 visa and M-1 is analogous. The difference is that the M1 visas are time-stamped and students cannot overstay their visit.

Scholarships

It's a popular assumption that scholarships are only for the "finest". But that's not true! Scholarships are for everybody, albeit you're messed up last semester, or if you're top of your class.

These scholarships are a bright prospect for Indian students who wish to pursue post-graduation in the USA. Following are some such popular postgraduate scholarships. Some of the most popular scholarships for studies in the United States are:

- The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowship
- J N Tata Endowment Loan Scholarships
- Aga Khan Foundation Scholarship
- INLAKS Scholarship
- Narotam Sekhsaria Scholarship
- SN Bose Scholarships
- K. C. Mahindra Scholarship
- Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship
- American University Emerging Global Leader Scholarship
- Akhtarali H. Tobaccowala Fellowship



Work Opportunities

Working while studying can be helpful to reduce the cost of your education and provide you with applicable work experience. International students can work in the USA while studying but there are some restrictions.

International students who have a valid F1 visa can work on-campus for:

- ✔ Up to 20-hours per week during regular full-time semesters
- ✔ More than 20-hours per week between quarters semesters
- ✔ More than 20-hours per week during school breaks

Students can work in more than one job but they must comply with the hour restrictions.

International students who have a valid F1 visa can work off-campus after completion of their first academic year after qualifying for either of the following:

- **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** is a program that allows international students in the United States to work temporarily for up to 12 months. OPT can be completed both before or after completing your studies, but it's important to remember that you are only allowed to work 12 months total including pre-completion of degree and post-completion of degree.
- **Curricular Practical Training** is a program that temporarily allows international students to gain work experience directly related to their major through employment, paid or unpaid internships, or cooperative (co-op) education.

FAQs

Not sure where to start on your quest to study in the United States? You've come to the right place! EazyGrad can help you decide on – and find – the best path toward your dream education. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions that might better help while deciding on various course options.

Q. WHERE CAN YOU GET AN EVALUATION OR TRANSLATION OF YOUR ACADEMIC RECORDS?

Ans.) The applicant will need to provide an official copy of their academic transcripts, translated into English, with their application. Some universities will also require them to provide a professional evaluation of your academic grades. World Education Service will review your transcripts and prepare a transcript evaluation report for a fee (starting from \$100).

Q. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES?

Ans. Associate: a two-year program that either leads to a specific vocation or transitions to a bachelor program. Bachelor: a four or five-year program where students earn credits in a wide variety of courses.

Q. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GRADUATE DEGREES IN THE UNITED STATES?

Ans. Masters: two-year degree providing additional specialization. Doctorate: a five to eight-year program certifying the student as a trained research scholar and/or professor.

FAQs



Q. CAN YOU GET A REFUND IF YOU CANCEL YOUR UNIVERSITY PLACE?

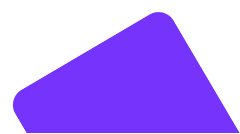
Ans. We strongly recommend that the applicant defers to the following semester rather than canceling the place. If that's not possible, the applicant will be subject to the university's refund policy. If the applicant is denied a visa, he/she will receive a full refund when they show official proof that their visa has been refused.

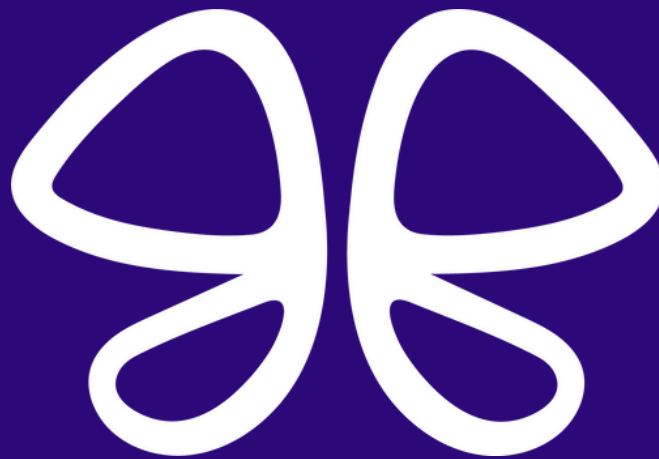
Q. HOW CAN I APPLY FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES?

Ans. U.S. institutions cannot issue I-20 forms for non-degree study, including vocational training. Community colleges offer technical/vocational study for an associate's degree.

Q. CAN YOU STAY IN UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION DURING VACATIONS?

Ans. Most universities in the United States are closed during the Thanksgiving holiday in late November, the Christmas holiday (which normally lasts about four weeks across December and January), the Spring vacation in April (approximately 10 days), and the summer vacation (commonly May to August). Depending on the university, the student might be allowed to stay in their campus accommodation at an extra charge. They may need to find other accommodation outside the campus while the university is closed.





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