



Discover Yourself in America™



Your Guide to Studying
in the USA



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Who Are You?

You are young, intelligent, and curious about the world beyond your own country. You have interests and ambition; you are comfortable with newness and change. You want to learn and grow. You are someone who wants to discover who you are, who you can become. You want the unlimited learning opportunities that will come from continuing your education at a university or college in the United States.

“I am the
product of my
education and
experience.”



U.S. colleges and universities are among the best in the world. U.S. schools are known worldwide for the quality of their facilities, resources, faculty, and programs.

You will have many choices

There are more than 4,300 colleges and universities in the U.S., any one of which can offer you excellent facilities, programs, faculty, and a range of social and academic environments.

Your college degree will have value

A degree from an accredited U.S. college or university is recognized and valued around the world. Your degree will prepare you for a lifetime of learning and a wide range of jobs and professions in your home country – or around the world!

You can create a program that fits your interests

You can choose from hundreds of courses, majors, and programs. You can begin at a small community college, transfer to a four-year college or university, and earn a degree. Once you complete your undergraduate studies, you can earn a master's or other advanced degree or professional certification.

Why
Study
in the
USA?

What makes attending a college or university in the USA different?

The “liberal arts” model develops broadly educated graduates who have strong writing, reading, research, and problem-solving skills. That means you will be prepared for virtually any job or career. Students at U.S. colleges and universities are active participants in their education. Individually, in research and project teams, and in the classroom, you will be encouraged to think critically, be creative, ask questions, and apply concepts in real-world situations.

Starting Your Search

Which U.S. colleges are best? Your goal is not to find the “best” college; it is to find the college that is best for you! Will you be most comfortable at a large school or a small one, in a warm climate or a colder one, in a city or in a suburban or rural area? Contrary to popular belief, there are no official rankings of U.S. institutions. Whatever your preferences, there are many options.

Visit ThinkEducationUSA website (www.ThinkEducationUSA.com) where you can learn about the colleges and universities listed on the following pages by viewing their videos, reading their profiles, and visiting their websites.

More Information Online at www.ThinkEducationUSA.com



Konchanika (Kendra) Cholvisit
The University of California, Riverside
Class of 2011

Country: Thailand

Major: Business Administration
(Marketing Concentration)

Degree: Bachelor of Science (BS)

"After graduation, I would like to gain a well-rounded experience through internships in various countries to start building a brand management career.

My independence and experience in the U.S. has allowed a lot of room for growth in this challenging, but definitely rewarding, environment."

Carl Cabrera
The University of Denver
Class of 2011

Country: The Philippines

Major: International Business and
Business Intelligence

Degrees: Bachelor of Science in Business
Administration/Master of Science (Dual
Degree Program)

"I hope to work in the Information Technology sector, with an emphasis on International Business, with the ultimate goal of becoming a chief information officer of a multinational corporation in the future.

The United States is truly a melting pot of different people, cultures and ideas and I strongly urge any aspiring international student to pursue their dreams and desires to study in the United States – not only because of the exceptional quality of higher education in the United States, but also because of the lifelong bonds students will nurture throughout their stay in the United States."



You can learn more about all the colleges, universities, and English language programs listed in this brochure by visiting www.ThinkEducationUSA.com.

Online, you can read each school's profile and follow links to its website and online application.

ALABAMA
The University of Alabama - ELI

ARKANSAS
University of Arkansas -
Fayetteville

What is the Difference Between...

Colleges, Universities, and Institutes

These terms are almost interchangeable: Colleges tend to be smaller; universities larger. Institutes typically specialize in just a few subject areas.

State Universities

State universities are supported by state governments. They are often large, divided into "schools" or "colleges" (engineering, business, the arts, and others), and typically less expensive than private universities and colleges.

Community Colleges

Community colleges usually offer two-year programs and degrees, after which students can transfer to a four-year university or college.

Technical Institutes

Technical Institutes offer higher education programs, degrees, and certifications in technical fields, such as: electronics, web development, computer programming, computer networking, and computer drafting/design.

Art Institutes

Art institutes offer higher education programs that prepare students for careers in creative fields, such as: graphic design, interior decorating, fashion design, and industrial design.

English Language Institutes and Programs

English as a Second Language (ESL) and Intensive English language programs are ideal for students who want to improve their English language skills before applying for admission to a college, university, or institute.

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CALIFORNIA

Butte College
California Lutheran University
El Camino Community College
Foothill and De Anza Colleges
Lake Tahoe Community College

National University
Santa Barbara City College
University of California - Riverside
University of Southern California

COLORADO

Arapahoe Community College

University of Denver

CONNECTICUT

Sacred Heart University
Trinity College
University of Bridgeport



10 Great Reasons to go to college in the U.S.

You will be welcomed with open arms.

You will get a world-class education.

You will learn from new friends who have different perspectives.

You will teach others about your life, your country, and your culture.

You will make friends for life from all over the world.

You will become a global citizen.

You will improve your English ability.

You will earn a degree that is respected everywhere.

You will have the best time of your life.

Employers will value your global perspective, your skills, and your understanding of the world.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CIPS at Gallaudet University
The George Washington University

FLORIDA

Brevard Community College
Florida Gulf Coast University

University of West Florida

GEORGIA

Georgia College & State University
Georgia State University
University of West Georgia

HAWAII

Hawai'i Pacific University

IDAHO

Boise State University
University of Idaho



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ILLINOIS

College of Lake County
Eastern Illinois University
Eureka College

INDIANA

Indiana University - Purdue
University Indianapolis
University of Southern Indiana

IOWA

Coe College

Iowa State University

Luther College

StudyIowa Consortium

University of Iowa

University of Northern Iowa

Wartburg College

Take the Next Steps

Start Early

Begin your college or university search early – 12 to 18 months before you plan to be in the United States. There are lots of great resources to help you, such as ThinkEducationUSA.com.

But your most important resource in deciding on a college or university is... you! Think first about what you want and need from your

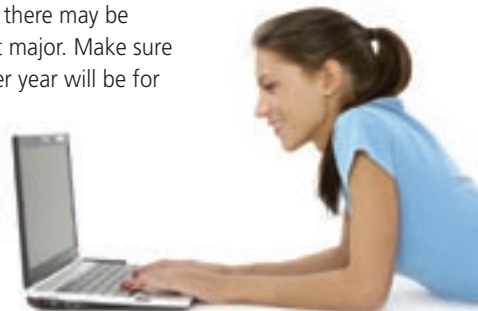
education, and in what kind of an educational setting you will be most comfortable.

When you have a clear idea of your own needs and expectations, you will be able to decide whether a particular school's size, location within the U.S., institutional focus, degree offerings, clubs and organizations, reputation, and student diversity are right for you. Among thousands of options, there will be many schools – not just one or two – where you can excel and enjoy your educational experience.

Consider the Possibilities

Each state in the U.S. has both state-supported universities and private colleges, community colleges, technical schools, and English language schools and institutes. You are probably familiar with some well-known U.S. institutions, but the college or university that is right for you – where you will succeed and enjoy a great college experience – may be one that you have never heard of before doing your research.

Call or e-mail the schools you are most interested in, to begin a dialogue with the admissions office. Also, let each college or university know which academic subject you wish to study because there may be different requirements for admission for that major. Make sure to ask each institution what the total cost per year will be for an international student, so you and your family can plan accordingly.



KANSAS

Emporia State University
Pittsburg State University
University of Kansas

MARYLAND

St. John's College

MASSACHUSETTS

American International College
Bay Path College
Brandeis University
International Language Institute
of Massachusetts

Elms College

Mount Ida College
University of Massachusetts -
Amherst
Western New England College

Register To Take the Tests

No matter where you apply for admission, you will almost certainly need to submit the results from tests such as the ACT, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS, or GRE. Use the timeline on the next page to learn about when to register and take the tests required by each of your school choices.

Select Your Top 10 Choices

There is no limit to the number of schools you can apply to, but your research should help you narrow your list to about 10 schools. Make your choices as diverse as your interests. Include small and large schools; well-known and not so well-known; urban, suburban, and rural; and schools in different parts of the United States.

Submit a Great Application

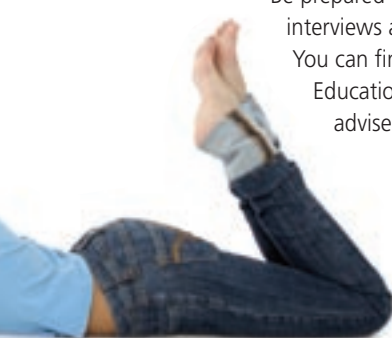
Whether you apply using the Common Application or with a school's own application form, submit the best, most complete application you can, including – if it is required – a thoughtful essay or writing sample. Whenever possible, customize your application.

Apply for a Visa

Most students enter the U.S. with an F-1 student visa, but a J-1 or M-1 visa may be what you need, based on the course of study you have chosen. You also will need to register with SEVIS. You can apply for a visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Be prepared for your visa application interview. Remember, these interviews are by appointment only and take time to complete.

You can find all you need to know about visas online at EducationUSA.state.gov or by meeting with an EducationUSA adviser in your country.



More Information Online at
www.ThinkEducationUSA.com

MICHIGAN

Central Michigan University
Michigan State University
Oakland University
University of Detroit Mercy

MINNESOTA

St. Catherine University
St. Cloud State University
University of Minnesota -
Twin Cities

MISSOURI

Cottey College

MONTANA

Carroll College
Montana State University

Applications/ Admissions Timeline

Most international students enroll at a U.S. college or university in late August or early September. Here is how you should plan the steps in the application process:

18 Months Before Classes Begin

Search for colleges that meet your needs. Use every resource: your parents, teachers, counselors, friends. Attend international student fairs. Meet with visiting representatives from U.S. schools and visit ThinkEducationUSA.com. Consider size, location, institutional type, and cost, as well as your intended major, career goals, and degree desired.

12 Months Before Classes Begin

Register to take tests (ACT, SAT I and II, TOEFL, IELTS, GRE) as needed for the institutions you are considering. Narrow your list to about 10 schools. Contact colleges and universities to indicate your interest.

September-December

Narrow your list to about 5 colleges. Request recommendations from teachers and obtain transcripts from your school. Fill out and send admission applications. Take required tests.

January-April

You receive notification of admission. From acceptances, choose and notify the college or university you wish to attend. Create a complete financial resources chart; arrange tuition payment method, choose housing, and make sure you have enough money for daily living expenses.

May-July

Fill out SEVIS form I-901, which includes a processing fee. Apply for a visa at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. Make travel arrangements. Stay in touch via phone or e-mail with the college or university admissions office.

July-August

Attend a pre-departure orientation at your local EducationUSA center to get helpful tips that will ensure your success from the moment you arrive in the United States.

August

Pack your bags and travel to the United States.

NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska - Omaha

NEVADA

College of Southern Nevada

NEW JERSEY

Bergen Community College

Felician College

Rutgers, The State University
of New Jersey

NEW YORK

Daemen College

Dowling College

The City College of New York

The College of Saint Rose



Honglin LI

Montana State University

Class of 2012

Country: China

Major: Biomedical Sciences

Degree: Bachelor of Science (BS)

"I hope in the future to be a person who is able to help people and save lives.

MSU is a good place to study because of its peaceful surroundings and many study resources.

After my first year of study, I believe the U.S. has the best educational system in the world."

William Andres Montoya Rivera

Luther College

Class of 2012

Country: Colombia

Majors: Political Science, Sociology

Degree: Bachelor of Science (BS)

"I plan on attending graduate school in the U.S., where I intend to focus on peacemaking and conflict resolution in the hopes of using the knowledge gained to promote peace in Colombia.

Through my experience at Luther College, I have gotten the chance to put my ideas for peacemaking into reality; I have had the opportunity to gain the knowledge necessary to help create a better world."



More Information Online at www.ThinkEducationUSA.com

NEW YORK (continued)

State University of New York
at Plattsburgh

NORTH CAROLINA

High Point University
St. Andrews

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota State University

OHIO

Cleveland State University
Lake Erie College
Miami University

Ohio University

University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Christian University

Experience The United States

Your
most
important
college
“course”

Whatever your college major, whatever the focus of your undergraduate or graduate program, living and learning in the U.S. will be an education in itself.



History...

Diversity...

Natural beauty...

Exciting cities...

Comfortable small towns...

Interesting people...

Impressive architecture...

Seasonal traditions...

Regional foods...

Political heritage...

And much, much more

OREGON

Linfield College

PENNSYLVANIA

Drexel University
English Language Center
Gannon University

Slippery Rock University
University of Pennsylvania -
English Language Programs

RHODE ISLAND

Bryant University

Johnson & Wales University -
Providence Campus

University of Rhode Island

TEXAS

Alamo Community Colleges



The Grand Canyon

Washington D.C.



New York City

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TEXAS (continued)

Intensive American English
Institute, div. of House of Tutors
Learning Centers
International Language Institute
Texas Tech University

UTAH

Selnate International School
The University of Utah
Utah State University

VERMONT

Saint Michael's College

WASHINGTON

Cascadia Community College
City University of Seattle

WISCONSIN

Marquette University

EducationUSA

EducationUSA Advising Centers are ideal places to begin your search for information about U.S. colleges and universities. If there is no center near you, you can access information about courses of study, degree options, costs, financial aid, cultural issues, and more online at www.EducationUSA.state.gov.



EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising and information centers in 170 countries supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. At each center, students can get accurate, comprehensive, objective, and timely information about educational opportunities in the United States.

EducationUSA centers are staffed by professional advisers, many of whom have first-hand experience because they have studied in the United States themselves or they have received State Department-approved training. More than 25 million prospective international students each year use EducationUSA services, either in person, by telephone, through e-mail, or on the Internet. These centers are the official source of information on all accredited U.S. higher education options.

www.EducationUSA.state.gov



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Study abroad.

Admissions officers at nearly 5,000 colleges and universities in the U.S. have long trusted TOEFL scores as proof that you've mastered the English skills used in the classroom — from listening to lectures and reading textbooks to writing papers and speaking in class.

Continue your education.

When graduate school is your goal, the GRE General Test can help you continue your education abroad. GRE scores are accepted by more than 3,200 colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world, including more MBA programs than ever before.

www.ets.org/more4u

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America's Most Widely Accepted College Entrance Exam!

Students around the world can take **the ACT** for admission to **any** 4 year college and university undergraduate program in the USA.

No other test can make that claim!

Not an aptitude or intelligence test, the ACT tests you on material you've learned in high school.

- The multiple-choice tests cover four areas: **English, math, reading, and science.**
- The **Writing Test** (optional) measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

Register to take the ACT in your country at
www.actstudent.org



Is your insurance as ready to travel as you are?

Before you travel to America to study, make sure your insurance will also take care of you in America. Get your FREE Trip Insurance Evaluation before your travel to avoid dangerous gaps and see where you need more coverage.

E-mail us: gateway@marshpm.com

Call us: 515-363-6565 or visit
www.gatewayconnexions.com



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Interested in studying in the U.S. but don't know where to start? Find everything you need on www.USAEducationGuides.com.

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- Request free information from institutions
- Get advice on student visas, entrance exams, and the application process
- Discover options for financial aid
- Learn about living in the U.S.

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IELTS, the Premier English Language Proficiency Test, is Taken by More than 1.2 Million Students Each Year.

Recognized by 6,000 educational institutions and professional bodies worldwide including more than 2,300 U.S. institutions, IELTS provides evidence that non-native speakers have the English language skills required for academic success. IELTS is the original four-skills test which provides secure, valid and reliable results.

For more information visit

www.ielts.org

Resources for more information

ThinkEducationUSA.com

is an informative multimedia website for students who want to attend a college or university outside their home country.

The website includes two unique features:

- **Profiles of U.S. universities, colleges, institutes, and English language programs.**

including videos, so you can learn about education options in the U.S., not just by reading about them but also by watching and listening.

- **A translation feature** that allows you to read a profile or watch a video in your own language, which makes it easier to share information with your parents, siblings, friends, teachers, and counselors.

On the ThinkEducationUSA.com website, you will find links to reliable sources of information about U.S. colleges and universities, useful search tools, and profiles of real students who are studying in the U.S.

ThinkEducationUSA is a powerful resource for international students. Start your search by logging on right now!



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EducationUSA Advising Centers are the official source of information on all accredited U.S. higher education options.



Organizations supporting students coming to the U.S. should contact the Commercial Section of the nearest U.S. Embassy for more information.