



Studying and living in the United States of America (USA)

From natural wonders to national monuments, there is so much to do, see, explore and eat in the United States.

Hiking in Yosemite National Park. Looking out over New York City from the top of the Empire State Building. Flying over the Grand Canyon. Listening to jazz music in the French Quarter in New Orleans. Eating a deep-dish pizza in Chicago.

The USA is one of the most popular study destinations for students from all over the world. Known as a leading country for its quality education, the USA has over 4,500 accredited higher education institutions with a variety of academic options to choose from.

Why study in the USA



Variety of options

Have you ever wanted to learn more about superheroes, Harry Potter or zombies? The USA education system offers flexibility in the courses you can study, meaning you can take courses in multiple subjects, while still taking courses specific to your degree. These courses can help you practice different skills, discover new interests, and most importantly—learn new things!



Career opportunities

Not only will your international education and cultural experiences enhance your personal growth, but your job opportunities will also expand, both in your host country and for jobs at home. Learning abroad and perfecting another language can be a huge advantage towards your career. Plus, you can build a global network of contacts and jump to the top of the resume list with your international experience.



Diversity and culture

Attending university in the USA opens up opportunities to meet new people from all around the world, as well as embrace the local culture. There are many different social clubs and events held on campus so you can make the most of your experience.

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Healthcare in the USA

Health care systems are different all over the world. The health care system in the USA is mostly privately funded. This means payment is the responsibility of the individual, regardless of whether you have health insurance or are a USA resident or a visitor.

Health care costs for a major accident or illness can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in the USA. Because of these high costs, most Americans have health insurance to reduce their medical costs significantly.

It is also a requirement for international students to have health insurance

International students who are studying in the USA generally fall into two visa types, referred to as F and J visa types. J-visa and F-visa holders are required to have appropriate health insurance coverage. Refer to the **US Government** website for more information regarding this requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q What is the cost of living in the USA?

A The USA offers a wide variety of options on everything from accommodation to dining out, shopping to entertainment and transport costs. Being close to public transport is far cheaper than the costs associated with driving a car.

Q Are there support services available at university?

A Many international students find the college and university international student office is a great place to build a sense of community, and to adapt to a culturally and academically different environment.

Q What if my parents want to visit?

A If you want to have your parents or a family member visit, they are likely to need a tourism visa. It is important to apply for a visa well in advance of the travel departure date. For more information on tourism visas, please refer to the **US Travel State** website.

Q Can I work while studying?

A It depends on the visa you have. If you hold an F-visa, you are not allowed work off-campus during the first academic year, but you may be able to have on-campus employment subject to certain conditions and restrictions. After the first academic year, F-1 students may engage in three types of off-campus employment as outlined on the **US Government** website.

Employment is authorised for J-1 non-immigrants only under the terms of the exchange program. Please check with your sponsoring agency for more information on any restrictions that may apply to you working in the United States.

Resources

iie.org/research-and-insights/open-doors/data/international-students/fields-of-study

usnews.com/education/blogs/international-student-counsel/2014/02/20/4-surprises-for-international-students-about-health-care

usa.gov/life-in-the-us#item-36017

educationusa.state.gov/experience-studying-usa/us-educational-system/frequently-asked-questions-faqs

educationusa.state.gov/experience-studying-usa/living-campus-united-states

travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit.html

topuniversities.com/blog/10-university-courses-you-wont-believe-actually-exist

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