

What is EducationUSA ?

Your Official Source on U.S. Higher Education

EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of over 425 international student advising centers in more than 180 countries. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States. EducationUSA also provides services to the U.S. higher education community to help institutional leaders meet their recruitment and campus internationalization goals.

EducationUSA Perth—Visit the office to have a free and unbiased talk about your study opportunities in USA. We've been helping Perth students since 1990.

- ◆ SAT & Subject Test Bulletins with Perth dates and venues
- ◆ ACT PSAT GRE GMAT information
- ◆ Sale of Study guides —SAT, Subject tests, ACT, GRE, GMAT
- ◆ Exam proctoring by prior arrangement
- ◆ Fulbright information
- ◆ Reference Library—College guides for use in office
- ◆ PowerPoint presentations: undergrad, sports, pre departure, etc
- ◆ Financial Aid & Scholarship information
- ◆ Exchange & Summer Programs
- ◆ Student Visa information
- ◆ U.S. study magazines/U.S. Government publications
- ◆ Facilitating of USA College Fairs/Tours for visiting schools

Where to begin your search...

<https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study>

5 Steps to Study

1. Research your options 2. Finance your studies 3. Complete your application 4. Apply for your student visa 5. Prepare for departure

Live on Campus to have the true experience...

- ◆ Variety of on-campus accommodation—usually shared quarters
- ◆ Dining plans for students living on campus & commuters
- ◆ Clubs & extra curricular activities
- ◆ Sports: Intercollegiate, Club & Intramural.
- ◆ Campus wide events...music, theatre, guest speakers, etc.
- ◆ Health Care and Student support services

Sports Scholarships

We are knowledgeable about sports scholarships & have information about NCAA, NAIA, and NJCAA.

- ◆ See *Sports Scholarship brochure*

Pre Departure Orientation

Come in for a personal session about life on campus before you go.

- ◆ See our *Pre Departure brochure*

Junior or Community College

- ◆ See our *Community College brochure*

American Association of Community Colleges

<https://www.aacc.nche.edu/college-finder/>

Why Study in the USA

Quality —Of faculty, facilities & resources.

Choice—Institutions, entry requirements, degrees, and disciplines.

Value—Varying tuition/living costs, scholarships.

Flexibility—In course choice & transfer between institutions.

Campus life—Variety of academic, cultural, sporting & social activities.

Opportunities—research, teaching experience, & OPT /CPT

University Application Checklist—see your International Student Admission page for current information.

Application—Be aware of different admission types beyond *Regular admission*. Early Action & Early Decision have rules/conditions but may be advantageous.

- ◆ **Proof of English proficiency**—for non native English speakers
- ◆ **Official transcripts**—from secondary school/previous university
- ◆ **Financial Declaration**— Affidavit of Support
- ◆ **Original bank statements**—to support Financial Declaration
- ◆ **Official test scores**—sent from test entity directly to institution
- ◆ **Extra Curricular Activities**—what you do besides study.
- ◆ **Personal Essay**—**Statement of Purpose**
- ◆ **Letters of recommendation**—usually from current teachers

U.S. International Education Consortia to find colleges and universities by each U.S. state.

https://2016.export.gov/industry/education/eg_main_022048.asp

Grade Point Average: How to calculate

From the College Board website:

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/how-to-convert-gpa-4.0-scale>

Summer Vacation Resources (June, July, August in USA)

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2018/05/f-1-students-read-these-summer-vacation-resources>

SAT / Subject Test Student Guides & Registration Booklet available to download

- ◆ <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-registration-booklet-students.pdf>
- ◆ <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-student-guide.pdf>
- ◆ <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/sat-subject-tests-student-guide.pdf>

Full length SAT practice tests to download:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>

Designated School Official

All SEVP certified schools are required to have DSOs to communicate with SEVP, update student records, and help students maintain student status by providing advice, or helping fill out important forms. Best place to go for advice about working or driving in USA.

The Application Process

Define your study & career objectives

Is employment available in this field when you return home? Will U.S. study enhance your career? Can you receive this training in Australia? Can you meet the basic requirements of strong academic background, adequate financial resources & command of the English language?

Apply for admission

Select up to 10 schools to *thoroughly research*. Based on cost, financial aid, academic reputation, location, size, degree options.

Prepare a short list—Apply to schools with varied admission requirements... schools where you are certain to be accepted, schools where you have an even/likely chance of gaining admission, & schools that would be your top choice/dream school. Often called safe, good bet & long shot application options. AND *Always have a plan B—usually to attend a school at home*.

Take required admission tests – multiple times if necessary.

Consider *extra curricular activities* for very competitive schools.

Arrange for school transcripts & letters of recommendation plus any supporting information to be sent. **You will need multiple copies.**

Write and plan your personal essay or statement of purpose.

Submit applications on time & keep hard copies.—consider if applying early is a good option. Apply early and find out early if admitted.

Wait for acceptance/denial notification.

Notify accepting schools of your decision.

From mid March—emails/letters of acceptance/rejection usually sent.

May 1—*universal reply date* for student to notify school of acceptance & payment of deposit to secure place. Or decline offer of enrolment.

Prepare for enrolment

Accept or reject admission offer(s). Send deposit to secure your place.

Make housing, meal & health insurance arrangements.

Pay SEVIS fees & obtain receipt before visa application.

Apply for visa well in advance of departure date.

Plan your travel and prepare for departure.

Arrange for arrival assistance if needed.

Attend campus orientation, know school's public safety information.

Get involved with campus clubs and activities.

Be prepared to make new friends/and earn a degree.

The U.S. University School Year

- ◆ Most institutions operate on the *semester system*—two 15 week semesters. Some schools use the *quarter system*—three x 10 weeks of classes with summer being the optional 4th quarter. Others operate using *trimesters*.
- ◆ The U.S. *Fall Semester* **traditionally** is the start of the school year. Classes usually begin August/September & finish May/June.
- ◆ The U.S. *Spring Semester* begins in January after a short winter break. Most schools have both a Fall and Spring intake.

Post Graduate Admissions—International Students

<https://educationusa.state.gov> The best place to start your search is the EducationUSA website. **Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study, Step 1—Research your options.** Choose Graduate. Continue with **Define Your Priorities.** Answer the questions to help find your best fit. Are you looking for a Graduate program or a Professional program? What are your long term goals? What future employment do you seek? You might consider using a search engine or database such as *Google Scholar* to search published material in your chosen field of study. From one place, you can search across many disciplines & sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts & court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities & other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research.

Step 2—Finance your Studies. Consider your personal funding possibilities and gather funding resources to explore. Again it comes down to research and planning ahead.

Post Graduate Requirements:

- ♦ Bachelor's degree or equivalent—U.S. Bachelor's Degree is 4 years
- ♦ Undergraduate transcript with satisfactory grades— GPA (3.4+)
- ♦ English proficiency
- ♦ Admission test scores (GRE, GMAT etc.)
- ♦ Well crafted *Statement of Purpose* or *Essay*—why grad school.....
- ♦ Letters of Recommendation/Referees
- ♦ Financial affidavit —evidence of funding for first year

Begin 12-18 months before you want to start your program. University websites have explicit admission details as well as helpful tips & advice on how to apply. Talk to alumni of these programs. Talk to your current school adviser; contact the department chair in your chosen field of study. Admittance decisions are made by graduate department or dean. Some schools require an interview. *School websites provide excellent details.*

Financial Aid—International Students

- ♦ Establish financial support before you arrive at university
- ♦ Seek aid from government, private companies, international organizations, & U.S. universities
- ♦ International students are not eligible for U.S. Federal assistance that is available to U.S. citizens/residents
- ♦ Some scholarship money for exceptional /gifted & talented students
- ♦ **Postgraduate students** are often more successful at gaining financial support in STEM areas & at PhD level
- ♦ **Post Graduate students** may be offered an assistantship: teaching, research, administrative...Fellowship

Electronic Visa Application (DS 160)

www.ustraveldocs.com Visa application
<https://www.ice.gov/sevis> Student Exchange Visitor Program
<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/students> Navigate U.S. Immigration
<https://www.fmjfee.com/> SEVIS I-901 Processing Center
 New SEVIS Fees from 24 June 2019 **F1US\$350 J1US\$220**
fmjfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov contact SEVIS
<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/esta> ESTA info

<https://au.usembassy.gov/education-culture/study-usa> U.S. Embassy/Consulates
<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov> Department of Homeland Security
<https://exchanges.state.gov> Bureau of Education & Cultural Affairs Exchange
<https://j1visa.state.gov/basics/facts-and-figures/> exchange visitor program
<https://au.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/perth/> Consulate General Perth
<https://travel.state.gov> U.S. Government visa page
www.fairtest.org/university/optional optional or no SAT/ACT
<https://www.commonapp.org> over 800 schools use this common application
<https://www.universalcollegeapp.com> universal application
<http://boardingschoolsusa.com/en> boarding schools in USA search tool
<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator> (National Center for Education Stats) search tool
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> (can search sports) search tool
<https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx> search tool
<https://www.princetonreview.com/college-education> search tool
<https://www.aacc.nche.edu/college-finder/> community colleges search tool
www.studyincalifornia.com complete listing of CA schools search tool
<https://www.petersons.com/graduate-schools.aspx> graduate search tool
<https://www.gradschools.com> graduate search tool
<https://llm-guide.com> Global LLM search tool
<https://www.llmstudy.com> Master of Laws Programs LLM LLM search tool
<https://www.lsac.org> Law School Admission Council
<https://www.petersons.com/online-schools.aspx> online education search tool
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/find-test-centers> find SAT
www.sat.org/international <https://www.khanacademy.org> register SAT
<https://www.act.org> <https://academy.act.org> register ACT
<https://www.mba.com> register GMAT
<https://www.beatthegmat.com> GMAT test prep
<https://www.ets.org/gre> register GRE
<https://www.ets.org/toefl> register TOEFL
<https://clep.collegeboard.org> credit by examination register CLEP
<https://www.getcollegedecredit.com> credit by examination register DSST
<https://www.ssac.org> (admission test for Independent Schools) register SSAT
www.cgfns.org nursing credential assessment nursing
<https://www.ecfm.org> Educational Commission FM Graduates medicine
<https://www.usmle.org> U.S. Medical Licensing Examination medicine
<https://www.aamc.org> Assoc of American Medical Colleges
<https://students-residents.aamc.org> students/residents in medicine
<https://apps.aamc.org/msar-ui/#/landing> accept International students
<https://www.internationalstudent.com/study-medicine> Study medicine in US
<https://www.aspa-usa.org/our-members> Specialized & Professional accreditation
<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation> accredited post secondary schools & programs
<https://www.summerdiscovery.com> high school & pre uni enrichment
<https://www.seamster.com> Study Abroad & Gap year
<https://www.csiet.org> Council on Standards for International Educational Travel
<https://afs.org.au/study-abroad> international youth exchange and travel
<https://www.sts.eu/high-school-select/> youth exchange
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> US Federal student aid
<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-financial-aid> EducationUSA financial aid
www.mycollegescholarship.org financial aid
<https://www.iefaf.org> International fin aid & scholarship search financial aid
<https://www.fundingstudy.org> <https://www.scholarships.com> financial aid
www.finaid.org <https://www.fastweb.com> financial aid
<https://www.fulbright.com.au> Fulbright Australia
<https://www.usnews.com/education> rankings
<https://www.johnmonash.com/> Australian gov't awards post graduate
www.robertaszykesfoundation.com Indigenous Education Foundation



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