

# Study in USA

## EDUCATION IN USA

US universities offer various kinds of degrees catering to every student's needs and interests. Students can study at any of the following levels to earn the following degrees.

- **University level first stage**
  - o Associate Degree (AA)
  - o Bachelor's Degree (BS, BA)
  - o Post-bachelor's Diploma/Certificate
- **University level second stage**
  - o Master's Degree (without thesis) (MS, MA, Mengg)
  - o Master's Degree research (with thesis)(MS, MA, Mengg)
- **University level third stage**
  - o Doctorate (Ph.D.)

## STUDY ABROAD IN USA: WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY

US universities accept applications all-round the year. Most programs of several universities accept new students at the start of the **fall** (Aug-Sep), **spring** (Jan-March), and very few offer **summer** (May-June) semesters. However, it is better to apply as early as possible because the visa process might take up a considerable amount of your time. However, if you miss the deadline, your application will be put automatically for consideration for the next available start date.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The general criteria to apply to universities in the USA are mentioned below:

### English language proficiency:

All applicants are required to take a recognized English language proficiency test.

- For undergraduate courses, a minimum TOEFL score of 80 is required
- For post-graduate courses, a minimum of 90 is required
- For undergraduate and post-graduate programs, a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 to 7 is required

## **Standardized Tests**

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is mandatory for all programs in the US. For certain programs, it is mandatory to have a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) test scores.

### **Undergraduate**

- High-school diploma or 12 years of school education
- Academic Records: 9th Grade onwards
- Good academic background
- Minimum required IELTS/TOEFL/PTE Academic scores
- Standardized Tests: SAT, SAT Subject, ACT. AP
- Application Form and Application Fee
- Application Essays/ Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendations
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Financial Documents- Declaration and Certification of Finances forms

### **Post-Graduate**

- Recognized UG degree certificate or 16 years of education
- Academic Records: Mark sheets and Transcripts of all previous education
- Strong academic background
- Minimum required GRE/GMAT test scores
- Minimum required IELTS/TOEFL/PTE Academic scores
- Application Form and Application Fee
- Application Essays/ Statement of Purpose
- Letters of Recommendations
- Work Experience\*
- Resume

## **STUDENT LIFE IN USA**

**The United States of America is the epitome of freedom, fun, equality, and opportunities.**

The natives are very welcoming and friendly to international students. Most of the universities offer on-campus accommodation facilities to inspire international students to socialize and learn about various cultures. There is always something for the students to do during their time in the States. Towns are well-known for their dynamic and colorful nightlife with live shows, clubs, and entertaining zones.

### **Safety for International students in the United States**

All Universities in the USA have systematized safety plans which offer several safety resources to international students. University Campuses are normally the safest place for international students. Every campus has police assistance for the students. Most universities have staff and faculty members to guarantee better support and guidance to international students.

### **Universities provide following support for international students:**

- Language tuition
- International student counselors
- Visa application and processing assistance
- On arrival orientation programs
- Health, counseling, lodging, and employment service

## **USA STUDY VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Mainly there are 3 different types of study visas issued by the USA for international students:

- F1 Visa,
- J1 Visa, and
- M1 study Visa

F-1 and M-1 study visas can be provided up to 120 days in advance of the students' orientation day. However, international students will not be allowed to enter the country in F-1 or M-1 status earlier than 30 days before their orientation day.