

Application Timetable

12 to 18 months prior to the year in which you hope to enroll:

- *begin researching programs and financial aid, and required standardized tests*

August:

- *request admissions and financial aid applications*
- *register for the TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT*

September-December:

- *request official transcripts and letters of recommendation*
- *submit completed application*
- *take standardized tests.*

January-April:

- *verify that you have met deadlines*

April-June:

- *receive admissions decisions*
- *decide which school to attend and complete necessary paperwork*
- *organize finances and finalize arrangements for housing and medical insurance*

June-August:

- *apply to U.S. Embassy or consulate for visa and complete SEVIS I-901 form upon receipt of I-20 form*
- *make travel arrangements*
- *contact International Student office to detail arrival plans and confirm orientation for new students at university*



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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

EducationUSA

Advising Centers

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) works to promote U.S. higher education by supporting a global network of EducationUSA advising centers. There are over 450 Educational Advising Centers spanning 8 regions and 170 countries around the world. These advising centers can be found in a variety of institutions, including U.S. Embassies, ministries, Fulbright Commissions, binational centers, local universities, and non-profit organizations.

Each year, these advising centers offer assistance to over 25 million prospective international students, via phone, email, in person, or on the Internet. EducationUSA advising centers are equipped to provide students with unbiased, accurate, and comprehensive advice on U.S. study opportunities.

EducationUSA advising services include:

- reference materials about U.S. universities
- assistance with application process
- information on standardized testing, financial aid, and visas
- individual/group counseling
- pre-departure orientations

EducationUSA Website <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/>

Please visit the EducationUSA Website for additional resources:

- information on living in the U.S.
- scholarships and other financial resources
- university accreditation
- structure of U.S. higher education
- find-a-school search engine

Why study in the US?

Studying abroad in the United States is a great way for international students to participate in a diverse academic and cultural environment. Students have the chance to improve their English proficiency, experience a unique and vibrant academic life, and develop skills to excel in an internationally competitive world.

The structure of U.S. higher education allows prospective students to choose an institution or program that will best fit their educational and personal needs. University campus locations vary from metropolitan to rural settings, and student populations can range in size from 200 to 60,000 students. Students are also free to explore a wide range of academic programs and participate in a variety of social, cultural, and sports activities.

Studying in the U.S. promises to be an exciting and rewarding challenge for students of all backgrounds and majors.

EducationUSA Advising in

The services and resources offered by the Education Advising Center include:

- Group advising sessions: [times etc.]
- Individual consulting: [times]
- Workshops: [topics, times etc]
- Testing: [on-site, mock exams, study guides etc]
- Additional services: [internet access, certification of documents, translation etc.]

Center Hours of Operation:

Library Hours:

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