

An Indian student's guide to Study in USA

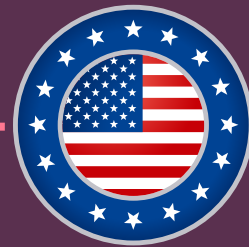


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Overview

The United States of America is the most popular study destination for international students. The US universities consistently rank number one in rankings around the world making the country the holy grail of higher education and research. In 2018, approximately 2 lakh Indian students flew to the US to pursue education opportunities. High quality of education, research, and a plethora of job opportunities make the US a top choice for international students.



Why study in US?

The United States of America (USA) hosts the most number of international students in the world. **Quality education, unique curriculum, multicultural environment, & abundant opportunities**

3 US universities - feature in the **Top 50** of the QS World Universities Rankings 2020

 <p>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</p>  <p>Harvard University</p>	 <p>Stanford University</p> <p>Stanford University</p>	 <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p> <p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</p>
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The United States boasts of one of the world's best education systems. They have **excellent programs in all the disciplines they have to offer**. The degree awarded by US universities are outstanding and students get the opportunity to learn & work with some of the outstanding researchers in the field.

Affordable tuition fees and living expenses

Yearly Tuition Fees	
Bachelor's Degree	15,000-40,000\$
Master's Degree	20,000-60,000\$

Yearly Living Expense	
USA	10,000-25,000 \$

Work While You Study

The ability to work while studying is one of US's biggest selling points to international students.

During Study	During Vacation
20 hours/ week Part time	40+ hours/ week Full- time



Multicultural Society with High quality of Life



US has a unique culture that embraces diversity and multiculturalism. The US people and government are very welcoming to immigrants.

Pathway to Permanent Residency (PR)

Lawful Permanent Residents are provided with an Alien Registration Card (commonly called Green Cards) as proof of their permanent status. An individual may apply Permanent Residency in the United States through a variety of means, including: sponsorship by a U.S. citizen or permanent resident relative.

Types of Courses in US and Top Institutions

5300 Colleges and universities

20,00,000 Courses

Universities

Hir Education is partnered with all the top universities of US, such as Stanford University, Stevens Institute of Technology and University of Colorado Denver. International students can apply for both Bachelors degree and Masters degree at these universities. Bachelors programs are typically of four years duration, and Masters Programs are typically of two years duration.

Colleges

They focus more on applied and technical education. Students who complete programs at colleges receive a diploma, not a degree. After completing Bachelor's degrees, international students can apply for postgraduate diplomas at US colleges, which can be one to two years in duration. Hir Education has the largest partner network of over 100+ US colleges, including Monroi College and Amherst College.



Top Universities and Colleges of US

Stanford University	Columbia University
Monroe College	University of Central Missouri
Stevens Institute of Technology	Saint Peter's University
Harvard University	University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Berkeley	University of California, Los Angeles
Yale University	Princeton University
University of Pennsylvania	The University of Chicago
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Minot State University
American University	University of Michigan

Hir Education is partnered with all the top US colleges and universities, and can help in your applications to these institutions.



Requirements to study in the US

Admission into a study course depends on the student's past academic performance. Each institution specifies the minimum grades/ marks or cumulative averages (GPAs) it will accept. In some cases, students also need to have completed one or more required subjects previously, known as prerequisite subjects.

Depending on whether you want to study a Bachelors program, a Masters program or a Diploma, the entry requirements can vary.

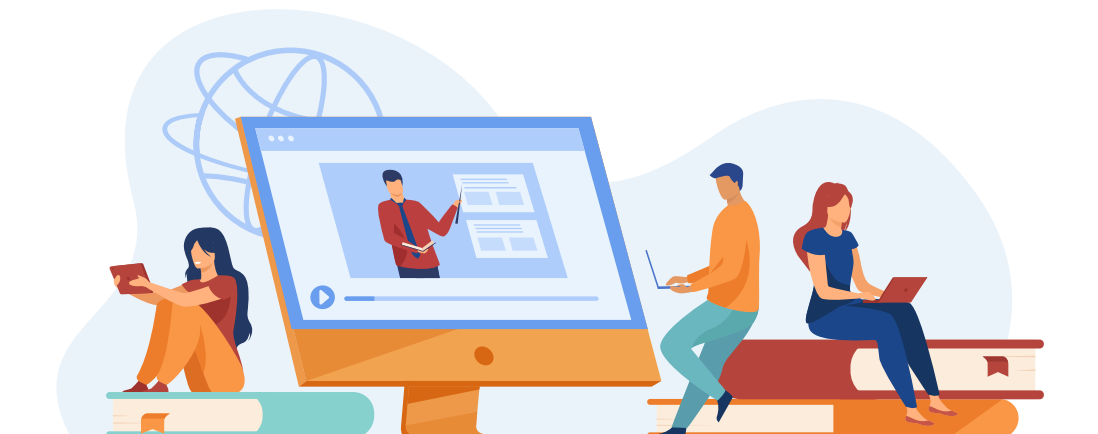
Academic Requirements

Programs	Entry Requirements
Bachelor's Degree/Undergraduate Diploma	minimum GPA 2.50 to 3.60
Masters Degree	16 years of Full Time Education GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or 80% and above.
Postgraduate Diploma	candidates must have obtained a bachelor degree in the relevant fields from the recognised institutes.

English Language Requirements

In order to get an admit to a university/college, and also for the student visa, it is compulsory to give an English language proficiency test such as IELTS or TOEFL or DuoLingo.

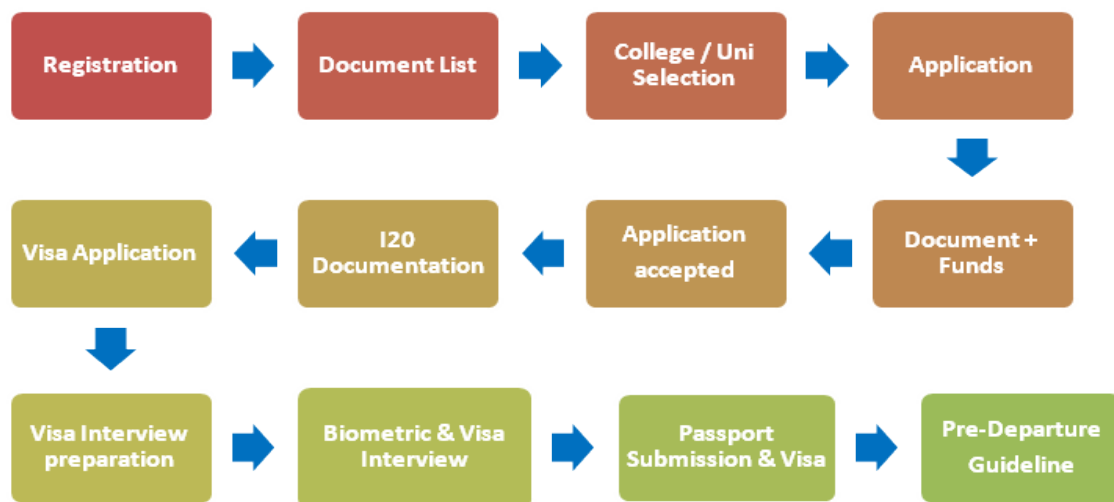
For Degree and Diploma Programs	
IELTS	Minimum overall score of 6.5, with no individual band less than 6.0
TOEFL	Minimum score is between 71-100 based on institute



US student visa

There are three different types of visas depending on the level of schooling you apply for :

1. **F Student Visa:-** For students looking to study at a college or university in the US
2. **J Student Visa:-** For students looking to participate in an exchange program at the high school and university level.
3. **M Student Visa:-** For students looking for non-academic or vocational study or training in the US
Before you apply for a student visa, you must be accepted by an institution in the US that is certified by the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP). Once you're accepted into a school, you will receive an I-20 or DS-2019 form from the institution's international student office. These forms are important to present when the student applies for their visa



Working while studying in the US

Working On-Campus with F1 Visa

F1 visa allows international students to work while they are studying in the US.

Students with a valid F1 visa are allowed to work on-campus only with these specific guidelines:

●On-campus Employment

International students can work on-campus in any of the various buildings and offices on their university/college premises.

After graduation - Pathways to permanent residency

After your OPT expires, you can switch to an employer-sponsored visa.

The most common employer-sponsored visa for the U.S. is the H1B visa, which is tied to a specific job. To be eligible, you will need to find a job with an employer that can sponsor you. Your employer will have to submit your application to the U.S. lottery, which takes place every April. An employer can only apply once a year, so if the deadline is missed, you'll need to wait until the following year.

Only 85,000 visas are issued each year. Due to the large number of applications, demand usually exceeds supply. Depending on the year, between 30% and 50% of applicants receive a visa, which typically becomes effective four or five months after the lottery. You're not eligible to work until your visa is issued, so unless you're already working in the U.S. on another visa like OPT, you will need to remain in your home country. Your H1B visa also provides entry into the U.S.

Permanent Residency in the US:

In order to become a U.S. permanent resident, you must transition from an H-1B visa status to Green Card, which is often the best option for skilled individuals who wish to remain in the U.S. for the long term.

The H-1B visa allows you to work in the U.S. for up to six years, after which you can file for permanent residency.

The transition from an H-1B visa to an employer-based Green Card is initiated by employers. U.S. - based companies that sponsor workers for work visas are typically the ones responsible for Green Card sponsorship as well.

The duration of Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

Program Duration	PGWP Duration
1 Year	6 Months
16 Months	6 Months
2 Years or more	1 Year

What happens after the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) expires?

If their study permit has expired or will expire they **may apply for status as a visitor before** applying for the PGWP. However, applicants who apply for a PGWP prior to the expiration of their study permit are eligible to begin working full time immediately, while their application is processing.

Get Started Your Application Process With Hir Education.

Your dream of studying in the US is within reach with Hir Education.

We at Hir Education provide end-to-end guidance to help make your study dream come true. Our team of expert, experienced counsellors work along with successful student mentors currently studying in top universities in the US to give you the best personalized counselling experience.

From shortlisting the right course to visa processing, from college applications to financial guidance we do it all. We are committed to helping our students fulfil their potential, and believe in deep expertise and empathy

The Hir Education Advantage



Understanding your requirements



Ensuring you get a successful admission



Guiding you on TOEFL/IELTS training



Providing you the best knowledge on education loans, forex cards, bank account in US



Finding the right course and college



Supporting you through the Visa application process



Collecting all the necessary documents



Advising you on travel and forex requirements



Counselling you through the entire process



Preparing you for your move in US

Our Counsellors



Mr. Kiran Maradia

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7 years of counselling experience

Certified Career Counsellor from University of California- Los Angeles, US

Kiran hails from Rajkot, Gujarat, loves to work and communicate with people from all backgrounds, listening to their problems individually and empathizing with them. Considering his experience and his interest in the field of education, He has started his profession as an educationalist and career guide. He has completed her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from a reputed University. He has nearly 20 years of working experience in renowned MNC's of India like Kotak, SBI Life, ICICI Pru, TATA AIG BAJA, etc. Apart from this, He holds a Certification in Global Career Counselling from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA Extension).

As a career counsellor, Kiran has counselled many students, working professionals, who are eager to upgrade themselves with the current competitive environment. By listening to them effectively and with full attention, He tries to understand their body language and other non-verbal communication. As He believes, people will often communicate far more non-verbally than verbally, so it is an important area of skill which as a consultant I should know. His ultimate aim of counselling is to enable clients to make their own decisions and act upon them. So far, Kiran has counselled around 10000+ students and most of them are pursuing their dream career or studying abroad. His academic background coupled with his rich experience makes him a perfect choice for those who seek counselling and professional help.