



# Study in USA

The USA is the world's biggest provider of international higher education, with nearly 600,000 students going there to study in 2002, doubles the number that the UK receives. The sheer extent of what is available in the USA ensures that international students will be able to find exactly the course they want, no matter how recondite it may be. Since the 1950's, growth in the numbers of international students going to study in USA has risen exponentially, year on year, and this growth has remained resilient during times of trouble or tension, whether in the sending or the host country. The response to this growth has been the appearance of more and more American universities entering the market to recruit the students from abroad who want to study in the USA. Many of these are smaller, more specialized or in remoter regions than the bigger players, and this has had the effect of providing more choice and greater possibilities for students who are more selective or who have particular needs. It has also increased the competition between institutions in the US and forced a more proactive approach to recruitment with a need for more up to date methods of reaching the right students.

The US has one of the world's finest university systems, with outstanding programs in virtually all fields. At the undergraduate level, excellent programs exist in traditional disciplines as well as in professional fields. At graduate level, students often have the opportunity to work directly with some of the finest minds in the world. American university degrees are recognized throughout the world for their excellence. American universities pride themselves on being at the fore front of technology and education techniques, and in making available to their students the possible equipment and resources. Even if your field does not involve science or engineering, you will become skilled in using the latest technology to obtain and process information. You will find ways to stay connected with people in your field all over the world. There are over 500,000 students from outside the USA enrolled at 3000 colleges, universities and graduate institutions. Many students come to study in the USA because of the diversity of educational opportunities available. There are over 600 major fields of study offered at the various American universities and colleges.

These colleges and universities are located in some of the world's largest cities and rural communities, in a variety of climates and in areas of diverse cultural opportunities and ethnic heritage. The extensive network of the Community Colleges offers an alternative and cost effective route towards Associate and Bachelors degrees that many international students find appropriate to their needs. Some of these community colleges as well as some American universities and colleges can be found in our University and College Profile section. International students studying in the USA with a full student visa are permitted to work on campus for up to 20 hours a week during course time in their first year. However, many institutions only permit local students to work a maximum of 15 hours to prevent student burnout, and there is encouragement to make this standard practice for all students. Written permission to work is required from your programme sponsor. This is slightly different if you are engaged on an assistantship place with in your university, so check what your particular circumstances allow before you arrive. The earning potential that students have can be great help in funding their time abroad and there are many employment possibilities for those wishing to work.

## Top Universities of USA

- Princeton University
- Harvard University
- Yale University
- California Institute of Technology
- Stanford University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of Pennsylvania
- Duke University
- Dartmouth College
- Columbia University
- University of Chicago

