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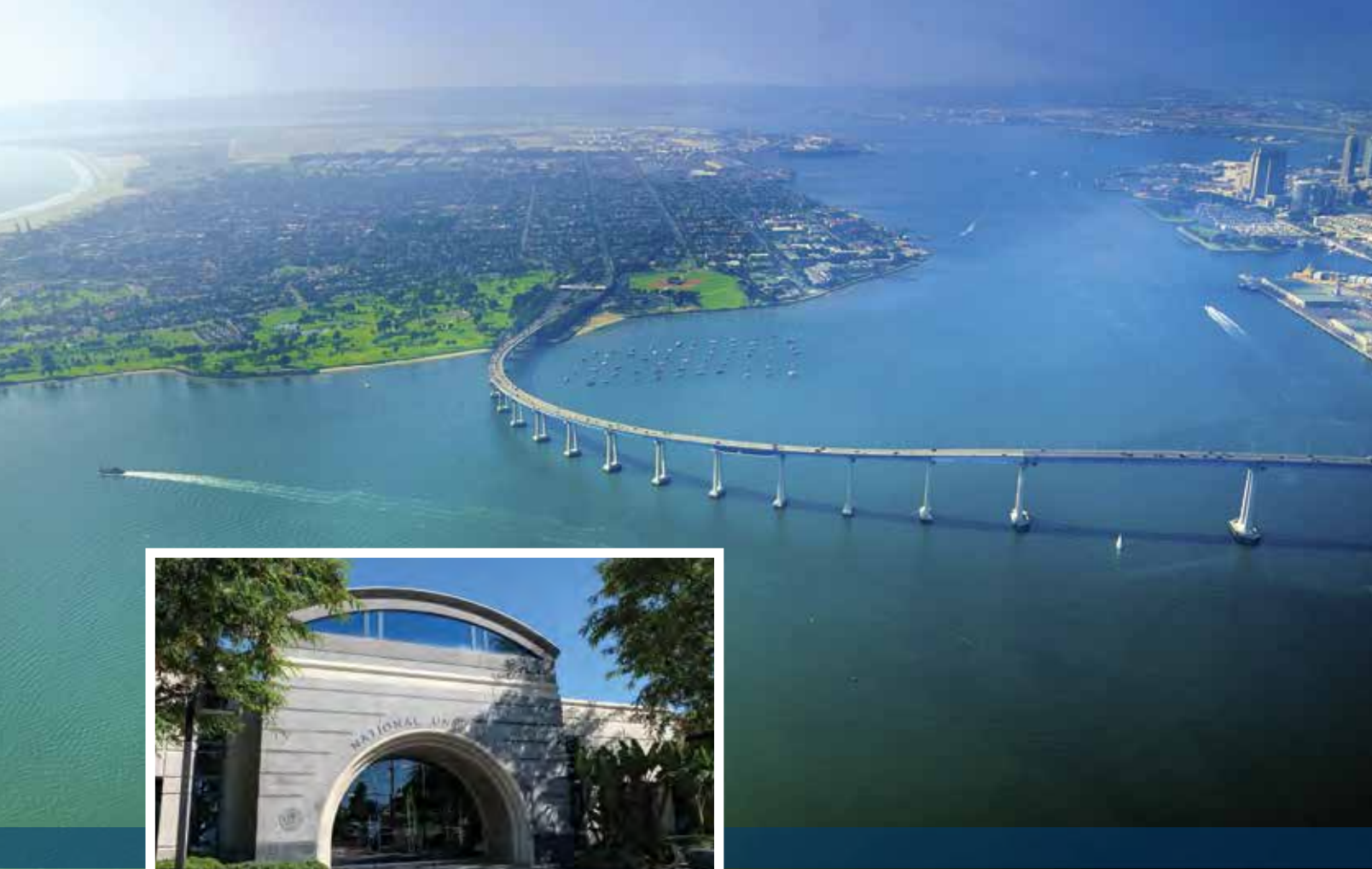
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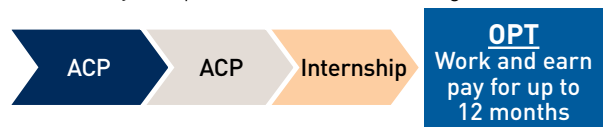
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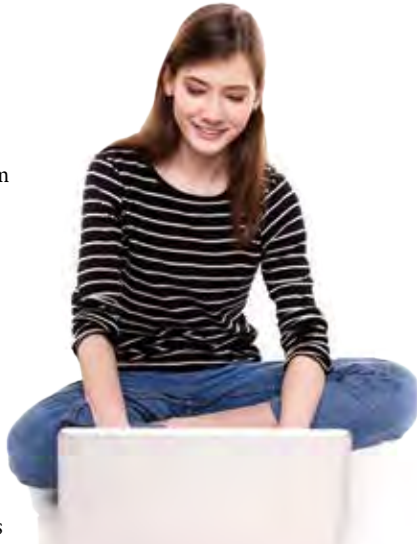
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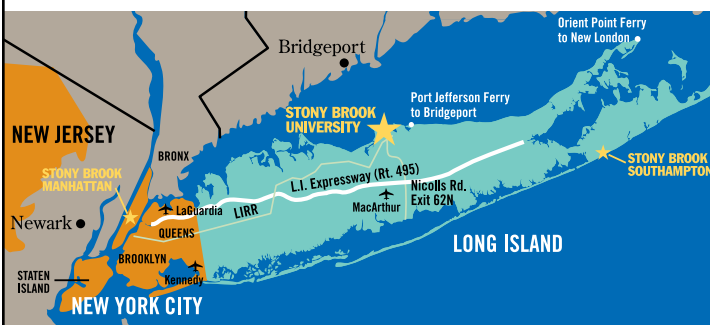
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# WHAT YOU SAID!

**Study in the USA** magazine helps me a lot to pursue my dreams studying in the U.S. It has been a dream of mine. I have been working hard to get me there.

Citra FROM INDONESIA

**Study in the USA** has brought me a lot of ideas about USA. I have learnt about the many opportunities being offered to U.S. international students.

Malaku FROM HOLLAND

**You're doing a** great job. I am a school counselor and I had received a copy of Study in the USA magazine during the last fair in Bangkok. I'll make it sure that our high school students are updated on the information about getting into U.S. universities.

Junjun FROM THAILAND

**I'm studying in** Wroclaw, Poland, but I want to start some studies in the USA in 2 years time. First of all, I want to know the language very well and then go abroad.

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Paulina FROM POLAND

**I really liked** your magazine because it is easy to read and you have useful tips for international students. I liked the article on preparing for the visa interview and education expenses. Keep up the good work!!

Gianina FROM ITALY



**Your site answers** all questions that may arise in my mind. Therefore I am satisfied. Just keep it up.

Leah FROM KENYA

**My advisor** gave me a copy of your magazine, and it helped me a lot in deciding to study in the United States. Thanks for your inspiration! :)

Senko FROM JAPAN

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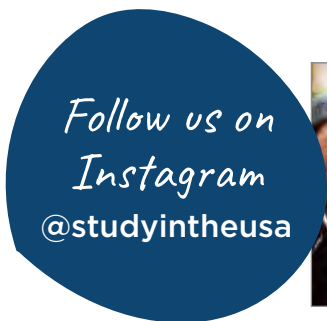
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# WHY STUDY IN THE USA<sup>®</sup>





**W**hat would it mean to have an American university listed on your resume? Why would potential employers pause and take notice of your education credentials from the United States?

It would mean that you have advanced English language skills and valuable intercultural experience. It would show that you studied within one of the best higher education systems in the world, with access to advanced technology and research. They would know that you received in-depth instruction, learned to problem-solve and have knowledge of modern practices within your field.

It would mean that you have more opportunities.

Studying in the United States and abroad doesn't just give you tangible degrees and certificates. Your experience says something about who you are. Living and studying in another country—especially where your language isn't spoken—is challenging, requires courage and a positive attitude. Sometimes these characteristics are more influential than your degree.

Life here, both as an international student and visitor, will probably be different from what you expect. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that the images from films and television programs are not always true. Americans come in a variety of sizes, colors, and shapes. In general, they are very friendly and will be interested in learning about you and your country.

For any international student, the USA has a lot to offer: one of the most prestigious, top ranked higher education systems in the world, eclectic cities, beautiful natural parks, culture, history and a very multicultural population.

### Diversity and Variety

The United States offers variety.

There is a wide range of schools, countless areas of study and specialty degrees. If you are interested in studying business, you are not relegated to just general study, but can choose from many concentrations: accounting, marketing, international business, business management, business administration, or finance. (There are many more!) This type of specialty study is available at the undergraduate, graduate and doctorate level, too.

One option you may not be aware of is studying at a community college, which is a two-year school in which you can begin your

university study. You can complete the first two years of your bachelor's degree at a community college and then transfer your credits to a four-year university. This is extremely common in the USA. Community colleges offer lower tuition costs, smaller class sizes and more personal attention. Many community colleges also offer intensive English language programs.

Or, you can begin your studies at a four-year university or college. The variation and number of choices reflects the diversity and enormity of the U.S. You can study at a large public university or college. If you prefer a more intimate campus and a smaller community, you may choose a small private university.

The land and people of the USA are also incredibly varied. Wherever you choose to

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study, you will encounter a regional culture rich in history and local traditions. For instance, the West Coast region has many beaches, outdoor activities, the people have a relaxed attitude and you will probably find many local international communities. The Midwest has many large research universities and the people are known for their hospitality and kindness. The USA is a multiracial society that is still absorbing new immigrants, which makes it a very dynamic and exciting place to experience. While students must exercise caution in a few locations, streets and university campuses are generally clean and safe.

### A Unique Higher Education System

U.S. universities and colleges may differ from those in your home country in several ways. For one thing, small class sizes are very common. There may be as few as 10 to 20 students in a class, giving you the personal attention you need in order to succeed.

While in class, students are encouraged and expected to contribute to the discussion. Professors meet with students in their offices or even share coffee or meals with them. The close relationship between students and faculty serves to motivate students and fosters a personal approach to the curriculum. Studying in the U.S. gives you the opportunity to gain a mentor in your given career field, an invaluable resource.

You may be surprised at your professors' willingness to challenge authority. Academic freedom is one of the hallmarks of a U.S. university. You will notice different perspectives on instruction. Here, students are trained to observe and analyze a problem, then solve it. You will be expected to listen to your classmates and challenge their points of view. The goal is pragmatic: this will help you gain confidence and the ability to organize and present an argument.

Most American university students live on or near the school campus. You will have many opportunities to join planned and informal activities with other students, such as hiking, skiing, museum tours, excursions to new cities, and visits to local tourist attractions. Imagine visiting New York City and taking a ferry to the Statue of Liberty! Many schools have international student organizations and clubs that also plan activities. This interaction with other students will enhance your English language skills. Your fellow students will also teach you about American culture and about the diverse cultures represented on any U.S. university or college campus.

### The Leading Edge

The United States is the leader in many areas of technology and research. While studying here, you will be exposed to advanced technology and research. You may be fortunate enough to meet, and even study, with the leading scholars in your chosen field. Why not study with the best?

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# SCHOOL, COLLEGE *AND* UNIVERSITY?

*IN* the United States, the word “school” describes any place where people learn. You can call a college a school and you can even call a university a school. You can use the word “school” for any English language institute, graduate program, or secondary school (high school).

College or university follows after high school, or secondary school. A college in the USA is not a high school or secondary school and typically begins in the thirteenth year of school when a student is around 17 or 18-years-old. A two-year college offers an associate’s degree, while a four-year college or university offers a bachelor’s degree. Programs that offer these degrees are called “undergraduate” schools. A “university” is a group of schools for studies after secondary school. At least one of these schools is a college where students receive a bachelor’s degree.

The other schools in a university are “graduate” schools (also known as “postgraduate”) where

students receive advanced degrees. Therefore, a university offers both the bachelor’s degree and graduate degrees such as the master’s (M.A.) and doctorate (Ph.D.). You can earn a bachelor’s degree at either a college or a university. However, students in the USA prefer to use the word “college” rather than the word “university” when they talk about the four-year undergraduate programs and when referring to their bachelor’s degree. They say, “going to college” and “a college degree” when they talk about undergraduate programs at either a college or a university.

Most colleges are separate schools. Some colleges are part of a university and are located on the university campus. (The campus is the school buildings and surrounding area.) A few colleges offer graduate programs in selected subjects. Usually, however, it is universities that offer graduate programs. So, Americans generally use the word “university” and not “college” when they talk about graduate study. ★





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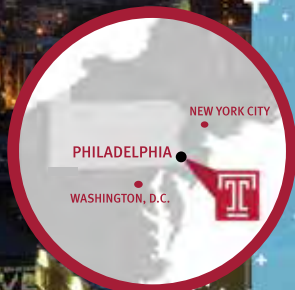
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## A SUMMER PROGRAM



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*—Romina Ruiz, a student from Mexico who attended the summer Intensive English Program at the University of San Francisco*

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TIP



**B**usiness, communication, politics and economics are all becoming increasingly international, requiring a global perspective to better understand other cultures and countries. Studying at a U.S. university or college is one way you can broaden your cultural understanding.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of students from around the world come to study at U.S. universities and colleges. Some students spend four years working toward a bachelor's degree, while others remain longer in order to attend graduate or professional school.

Another option, which requires less time away from home and is considerably less expensive, is to study in America during the summer.

Most U.S. summer programs take place between May and August, and last anywhere from two to twelve weeks. In this short period of time, you will have abundant opportunities to improve your English skills, learn about U.S. culture, politics and customs, and visit different parts of the country.

### Who Studies During the Summer

If you do choose a summer program, you will have plenty of company. Traditionally, most U.S. university students do not attend classes full-time during the summer. Instead, they usually spend these months traveling, vacationing, or working in order to save money for the following year's tuition.

However, this has been changing. Many universities now offer a wide variety of courses during the summer. In many instances, students may take as many classes as they would during any other term. You will be sharing the campus with many U.S. students and international visitors.

### Where to Study

Your study experience in the USA can extend beyond textbooks and the people you meet. Summers are an excellent time to travel and explore other areas of the country. Although the United States is a large country, you can easily plan trips to cities and sites beyond the campus where you take classes. Consequently, you may want to attend a program or university that is located in a region of the country that especially appeals to you.

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Southeast: Along the southeastern coast, you can choose from schools in Florida, Virginia and Maryland, or in the great capital city of Washington, D.C.

Northeast: The northeastern section includes settings in the hills and towns of New England, and urban universities in Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

## What to Study

Most often, the same amount of academic credit is awarded for a class no matter when it is offered. The only significant difference is the schedule. Because summer term is shorter than fall, winter and spring terms, summer classes are condensed. You will learn the same material; the lecture may just be longer. Depending on your perspective, this can be a very efficient form of study. Students often select classes that will complement their current academic program of study, while others choose classes out of curiosity or for fun.

In addition to the regular course offerings for the arts, sciences, and humanities, you will find a wide variety of classes during the summer: special intensive classes taught by visiting scholars; workshops that combine study and field trips; scientific research opportunities; and courses offered especially for non-degree candidates.

## English Language Programs

If you are not a native speaker of English, there is no better way to improve your language skills than to spend a few months at a U.S. university. Before selecting a program, ask yourself if your English is adequate enough for you to understand university lectures given entirely in English. Is it good enough for you to participate in class discussions ... to prepare class assignments ... to take regular written examinations?

Depending on your language abilities, you may want to enroll in an intensive English language program that combines English study with academic courses. Or, you may simply need to supplement your academic studies with an English as a Second Language

(ESL) course.

Many schools do not require a TOEFL score as part of the enrollment process. In such cases, you may want to check with the summer program office to find out the criteria they use for accepting non-native English speakers.

## Contacting Programs

Many schools do not require a formal admissions process for their summer programs, as opposed to their regular academic-year programs. If you are applying only for the summer and do not intend to study for a degree, the admissions process is typically simpler.

To begin the process of applying to a program, write directly to the summer sessions office of each school that interests you. If you use email, please indicate that you learned about the program from *Summer Study in the USA*® magazine.

Ask for a catalog of summer session courses, an application and housing information. Most information is available by February or March. In addition, this type of information is typically available on the institution's website.

As part of your application process, be sure to determine whether you will need a visa to study in the United States during the summer. (If you qualify based on their regulations, U.S. universities provide the Certificate of Eligibility—formerly known as an I-20—for you to take to the U.S. embassy for visa processing.)

If you do require a visa, be sure to allow enough time for the embassy to process it and return it to you before your departure date. (Because of recent regulations put in place by the Department of Homeland Security, in recent years, visa processing is taking longer than ever before.) Some embassies require appointments and charge a fee for such processing. More information about visas and embassy requirements in particular countries can be found at [www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html).

You can also find information about U.S. summer and full-time academic programs at your local educational advising center. There, trained advisors can help you select a summer program. In addition, many education and study abroad professionals have offices in major cities in Europe and Asia.

No matter what courses you choose or which university you attend, visiting the USA through a summer study program is a rewarding experience that you will never forget. ★

## YOU WILL LEARN BEST IN THE PLACE WHERE YOU FEEL THE MOST COMFORTABLE. BE SURE TO EXAMINE YOUR PERSONAL PREFERENCES, AND WHILE YOU DO, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

✓ **SIZE:** How large is the university or program? Does a major university campus with thousands of students appeal to you? Or, do you prefer a small program with only a few hundred classmates?

✓ **LOCATION:** Do you want to study in a large urban city, a small town, or a mid-size city?

✓ **RECREATION:** Your summer university campus might offer a full range of recreational activities, including use of the school gymnasium and sports complex, swimming pools, tennis courts and golf courses. You might also want to consider the popular outdoor recreational activities of the surrounding region. In addition, find out if cultural activities like concerts, museums, outdoor and indoor theatres, and summer festivals are easily accessible. These events can be as educational as your academic program.

✓ **COST AND HOUSING:** Costs vary widely from school to school. Be sure to ask for the exact costs of those programs that interest you. Also inquire whether the costs quoted include room and board. Most school brochures and websites will list tuition and housing costs separately.

✓ **STUDENT POPULATION:** Summer sessions on some campuses are dominated by special interest groups such as computer science, teacher training or sports camps. Your program may share the campus with a specialized summer institute for adults or high school (secondary) students. In some communities, the majority of students are commuters (people who must travel from home or work in order to get to school). Some universities, however, are mainly residential, meaning that the majority of students live and study together on campus. If living either on- or off-campus is important to you, do some research before you apply.



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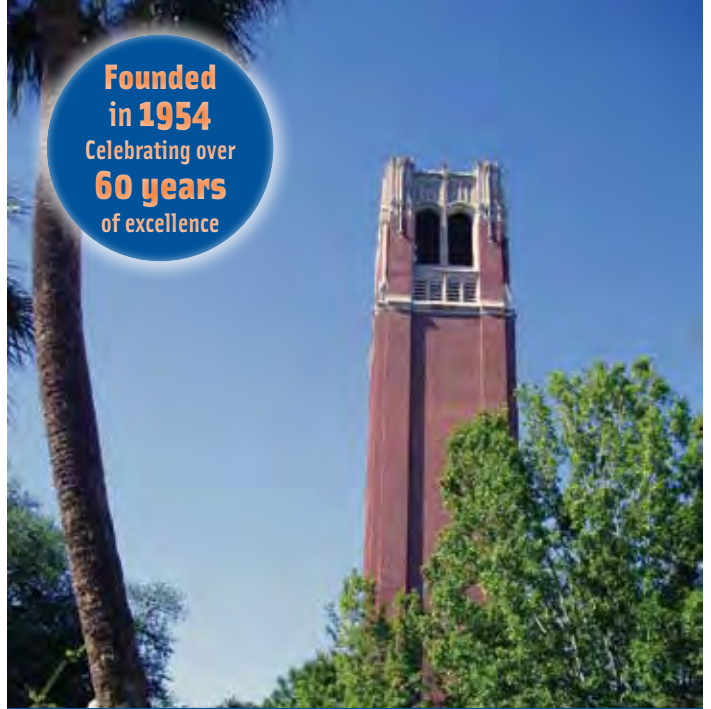


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# INTERVIEW

**Nawaf Alshammari** from Saudi Arabia is a senior, majoring in Management Information Systems at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Washington.



## *Why did you decide to study in the USA?*

I have always wanted to be fluent in English, pursue a degree studying abroad, and experience a new culture. I applied for a scholarship and I got accepted.

## *Why did you choose Eastern Washington University?*

I chose Eastern Washington University (EWU) because its English Language Institute (ELI) offered conditional admission for undergraduate students with no TOEFL score requirement. Furthermore, EWU is located in the Pacific Northwest, which has a unique geography, climate, and culture within the U.S. The location of EWU played a major role in my decision, because cost of living is affordable and eastern Washington is a safe place to live. I like outdoor activities and the Pacific Northwest has a lot of outdoor recreation to choose from.

## *What do you like best?*

There is no TOEFL test score required for international students who successfully finish the ELI program.

## *What do you miss most?*

I miss my parents, siblings and the food.

## *What was your biggest surprise?*

Life on campus is very organized, and there are many services that are included in tuition (but if not, the fees are reasonable). EWU offers many events, services, and resources both on and off campus. These activities allow international students the ability to participate in the local culture safely, and become more comfortable with their new surroundings.

## *... your biggest disappointment?*

In America, social connections and food are much different.

## *How have you handled:*

### *... finances?*

I have a scholarship so finances have not been an issue, but I am thinking of pursuing a master's degree, which I may need to finance myself.

### *... adjusting to a different educational system?*

Personally, it wasn't very difficult to adjust.

## *What are your activities?*

Personally, I like to travel. I often visit friends' hometowns and meet their families before exploring new cities with them.

## *How easy or difficult was making friends?*

It was very difficult for me to make new friends at first, because I had to overcome language and cultural barriers; however, it became much easier with time, and I have managed to learn how to make many new friends from different backgrounds.

## *How relevant is your U.S. education to your personal goals and to the needs of your country?*

I am still learning a lot about my major and I am gradually figuring out my career goals. I am hoping to get an internship in my field, which will allow me to continue my education while applying what I've learned. An internship will show me more of the options that will be available to me once I am out of school.

## *What is your advice to other students who are considering a U.S. education?*

The best advice I can offer is to find a school that has a good ELI program at the same university that you are going to study. I also recommend speaking less of your own language, as this will help you communicate with Americans more easily, and ultimately learn more about American culture. I suggest sharing your customs and culture with other students. Also, housing is very important. Living in the dormitories or with a homestay will allow you to practice your English more often. ★

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**QUESTION:** *I WANT TO STUDY IN THE USA. HOW DO I GET STARTED?*

**ANSWER:** You should plan nine months to a year in advance. First begin thinking about what you want to study and consider the possibility that you may need to go through an English language program. You should also begin familiarizing yourself with the U.S. education system and the general requirements for testing, grades (marks), English language requirements, costs, visa, etc. You may find it helpful talk to an advisor at your school or at an EducationUSA advising office as well.



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- School fees: \$36,000 total annual cost including tuition, room and board (2015-16 cost)
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*YOUR SUMMER STUDIES IN THE U.S.*



## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

A community college is a two-year school in which you can begin your university study. You can complete the first two years of your bachelor's degree at a community college and then transfer your credentials to a four-year university. This is extremely common in the USA. Community colleges offer lower tuition costs, smaller class sizes and more personal attention. Many community colleges also offer intensive English language programs.

## Do You Want to Study in the USA this Summer?

Summer is a wonderful time to further your studies and explore the United States. With the proper planning you will have an exciting and rewarding experience studying abroad in America!

## How Can I Afford It?

Spending a summer studying abroad in the USA can be one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of your life. Much is to be gained from the people you meet, the events you experience, and the lessons you learn. The memories you make during one summer in America can be some of the best in your life!

As an international student studying in the summer, you can experience the U.S. education system in very different ways than you would during the regular academic year. Often times, you will find summer study abroad programs to be more relaxed than semester or year programs, allowing you to more fully experience American culture!

If you carefully choose the location and school, you can combine the best features of a foreign holiday with actual study. You can improve your English language fluency, gain new professional skills and deepen your understanding of life in the USA.

International students can do all this for an affordable price. The cost of attending summer school in the United States is low compared with the cost of studying for a full year. Also, even if it is for just a summer, your U.S. education is an investment that will reward you all your life.

## Cost of Summer Programs

The amount you spend will depend mainly upon how long you study in the U.S. Summer sessions are usually between 4 and 12 weeks long.

You can find updated information on the cost and length of summer courses on a university or college program's website and in their catalog. Go to the "Contact this Program" form on the school's profile page at [StudyUSA.com](http://StudyUSA.com). Write directly to the summer session office or English language program of each school that interests you, and please mention *Study in the USA* when you write.

It is difficult to estimate average total expenses for summer study in the U.S. because the cost of tuition and fees varies greatly from school to school. One program may include total cost from start to finish, while another has a lower fee, but charges separately for meals, accommodations, etc. To make your own comparisons, here are some of the costs to expect.



**APPLICATION FEE:** When you apply to study in a summer program, you will send an application fee along with your application. This non-refundable application fee can range from US\$30 to US\$75. Most institutions accept credit cards, or you can pay by check or money transfer.

Admission to some summer programs is selective. You may be asked to send copies of your grades (marks) from the school or university you last attended. If your native language is not English, you also may be asked to supply your TOEFL or IELTS score. If your TOEFL or IELTS score is below a certain level, the school may refer you to the English language program, or you may have to take an English language placement test when you arrive.

Not all U.S. institutions require the TOEFL or IELTS exam from international students. Community colleges often do not require the TOEFL or IELTS exam. Students who aren't especially confident with their English should consider a summer intensive English program or beginning their studies at a summer community college program.

**TUITION:** Costs of summer programs vary so much from program to program and school to school that any average price would be misleading. The quality of a program does not depend upon its cost. You will consider cost in choosing a program, but the education, experience, personal attention, facilities, geographical location, opportunities to participate in activities and excursions with other students are all important factors that should determine your final decision. Prioritize what is most important to you, and start searching for the perfect match to start your exciting summer adventure in the USA!

Similarly, there is no typical or average price for English language programs. Important factors to consider are accreditation, university and TOEFL preparation, class size, hours of instruction, and what workshops, activities or services are included with the tuition.

**HEALTH SERVICE AND INSURANCE:** Most summer programs charge a health service fee of about US\$50 to US\$80. For this fee, students can use the school clinic for treatment of minor injuries and illnesses.

Because U.S. medical costs are extremely high, you should also purchase health and accident insurance if the program does not offer an insurance plan to their students. Many schools may require you to have health insurance regardless. Factor this into your budget.

Write the school's international student advisor or ask the academic counselor in your

country about health insurance plans and options before you go to the USA. Also, always check to find out what the school requires.

**OTHER FEES:** You will pay special fees if you use a science laboratory, fine arts studio or athletic facilities.

**ROOM AND BOARD:** You can live in a residence hall during the summer at most U.S. universities and colleges, although many community colleges do not provide housing, so plan accordingly. Rooms on campus usually are available to summer program students who want them.

Most schools offer a room and board payment plan. In this case, you would pay for both your room and your cafeteria or dining hall meals. You may also buy food at the school's cafés or campus center. Many campuses now offer a variety of food and café options, in addition to the cafeteria. An advantage to living in the dorms is that lower rent in dorm accommodations often offsets high cost of living. However, if you prefer to live off-campus in an apartment, be aware that costs, furnishings, and availability will vary greatly depending on location. Some towns have very little affordable student housing, and choosing this option can be risky as you may not find accommodations as quickly as expected and could incur very high hotel costs.

The cost of renting an apartment off campus varies widely depending upon the type of housing you find and the city you select. The United States is a large and economically diverse country, so cost of living is very different from place to place. Metropolitan cities are generally going to be more expensive.

**BOOKS AND SUPPLIES:** Students in the USA buy their own textbooks, notebooks, and other supplies. You can save a lot of money by buying used books. This can be done in your campus bookstore or online. We recommend [www.efollet.com](http://www.efollet.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for used book bargains. At the end of your summer course, you may be able to sell your textbooks back to the bookstore or online to other students.

However, you may want to keep them so that you can continue your studies of the English language and American culture at home. Don't let your adventures abroad end at the conclusion of your program!

**PERSONAL EXPENSES:** You will pay up to several hundred dollars a month for transportation, entertainment, and necessities like soap, toothpaste, and stamps. You will also pay for laundry and dry-cleaning. You can often find a self-service laundry (coin or debit card operated washers and dryers) in your residence hall or near the campus.

## Payment

Students are not always required to register in advance for summer programs. At many schools, you can register and pay your tuition during the first week of classes. However, as an international student you should plan ahead and reserve space in the course you want to attend by writing to the program office well in advance.

U.S. banks often delay payment of money that is transferred from foreign banks. Students should bring debit cards or have their money available in a checking account. Most programs accept credit cards. It is also a good idea to order a small amount of U.S. currency for your first few days in the USA to take care of immediate needs like a taxi or shuttle ride home from the airport. Be aware that you will also need large sums of money during the first few days of your program for things like rental deposits, textbooks, course fees, etc. Be prepared!

## Financial Aid and Working in the USA

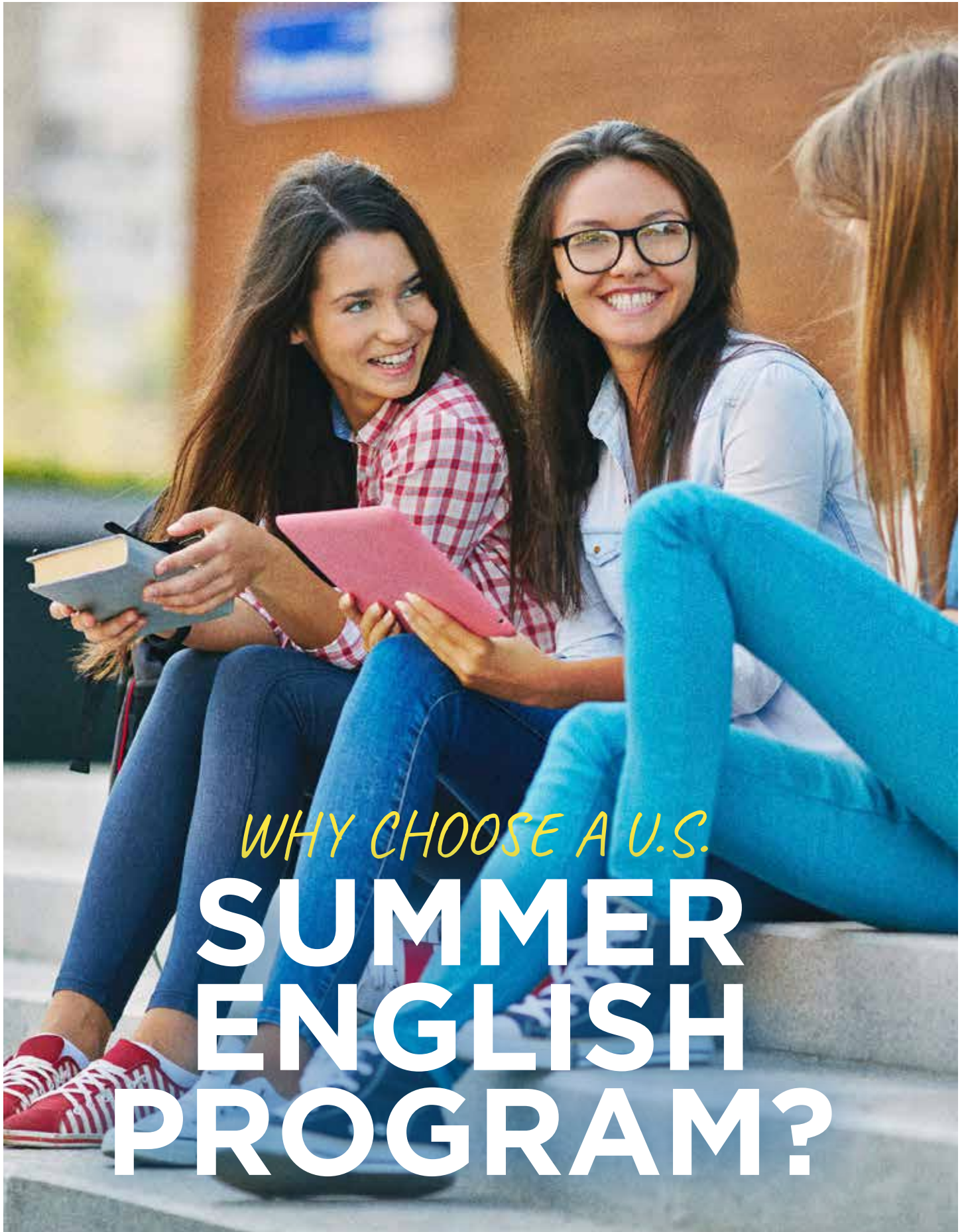
Financial aid is almost never available for summer study, even for U.S. students. Therefore, do not plan to finance even part of your summer experience through university scholarships.

You may be able to take out a private loan to cover the cost of summer study abroad, with your parents or someone else as a co-signer. It may seem like a lot of money to spend, but think of it as an investment in yourself and your future. Study abroad in the USA now, before the realities of student loans and full time work prohibit you from fulfilling your dreams of travel!

The U.S. Government regulates international student employment. International students are not allowed to work during the first academic year in the United States. You may be able to work at an on-campus job. Ask the schools you're interested in if these opportunities are available in the summer. Also, spouses of students on F visas (most students) may not work while they are in the U.S.

Once you have experienced the life-changing effects of study abroad you will probably want to return to the U.S. to study for a longer period of time. True appreciation of another culture and people often takes a year or longer. Intercultural immersion is a lifelong gift that you give yourself, and provides you with a special capacity for understanding other cultures that cannot be obtained anywhere else.

Summer is a wonderful time to further your studies and explore the United States. With the proper planning, you will have an exciting and rewarding experience! Get started today—plan next summer's adventure abroad to learn English and experience America firsthand! ✨



*WHY CHOOSE A U.S.*

# SUMMER ENGLISH PROGRAM?



*There are so many great reasons to study English in a U.S. summer program. Here are the top five reasons:*

### 1/ You will learn about yourself

The best way to understand yourself, your country, and your own values is to immerse yourself among other cultures and people. Only then will you be able to begin to distinguish the differences. This is easy to do in the USA. Every year hundreds of thousands of students from almost every country in the world choose to study in the United States. These students, plus other immigrants who move to the USA, make the United States a fascinating and exciting mixture of languages, cultures, and people.

### 2/ You can prepare for regular study at a college or university

Many English as a Second Language (ESL) programs give students the chance to study university courses in addition to the program. This is a good opportunity to learn more about U.S. university classroom culture and discover what campus life is really like.

Some programs are designed for a specific group of people with specific needs. For example, there are programs for international students who plan to study at a U.S. university or college. Such programs include library orientation, study skills, and research techniques. Other programs may include English for Tourism or Business English. Even if you already have the required TOEFL® score for academic admission to a U.S. university, it is a good idea to spend some time polishing your English skills in an intensive English language program. It will help you become accustomed to the sound of Americans and adjust to cultural and academic differences.

If you haven't made a decision yet about your future college or university, *Study in the USA* can help you.

### 3/ You have access to more colleges and universities than any other country in the world

The USA has over 3,500 accredited colleges and universities, including two-year colleges, four-year institutions, and doctoral/research universities. Although some international students are familiar with many of the elite universities in the USA, most students are very happy to discover that there are literally thousands of excellent schools that provide a quality, affordable education that meets their needs.

### 4/ You can travel through one of the most geographically diverse countries in the world

The USA has it all—oceans, lakes, mountains, deserts, plains, outstanding national parks, small towns and large cities. Regardless of where you live and study, you can take a break on weekends and enjoy other parts of the United States.

### 5/ You can gain a broader understanding of the USA, making you a stronger candidate in an international job market

Most employers are very impressed with applicants who have lived and studied abroad. Such an experience provides a valuable education and insight. You will be seen as more knowledgeable and globally minded than other applicants. Furthermore, by choosing the USA you will have studied in one of the world's largest and most influential economies. ★

## Professional Standards

There are a number of professional organizations that set standards regarding teaching methods and student services. Intensive English language programs administered by accredited colleges and universities are invited to join the **Consortium of University and College Intensive English Programs (UCIEP)**. Compliance with the highest college and university standards is ensured through UCIEP conferences, workshops and regular program-wide evaluations.

Another way to identify programs with high standards is to choose schools that are members of **EnglishUSA**. This organization was established for the sole purpose of setting standards for intensive English language programs. While EnglishUSA does not accredit programs, its members agree to follow standards of excellence established by the organization.

## Finding an accredited English language program

**The Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)** is a specialized agency for the accreditation of English language programs and institutions in the United States. CEA accredits both English language programs in universities and colleges, as well as independent English language schools. Accreditation by CEA means that an English language program has met the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions. Programs that seek CEA accreditation must offer an intensive English program for non-native speakers of English, which meets at least 18 hours a week for at least 8 months a year.

Because CEA is a relatively new agency and the rigorous review process of schools may take months to complete, many programs have not yet completed the process to become accredited. Accredited programs may also indicate their CEA accreditation in their brochures, student packets, and advertisements. You can contact CEA directly:

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# ENGLISH *for*

By Margaret-Mary Palladino

**THE** world is becoming more of a global community through air travel, Skype, Facebook and other social media. This is making the need to increase understanding and improve communication among all citizens more urgent. An international exchange of ideas addressing crucial issues is essential.

Affecting all of us are environmental issues, such as global warming and the thinning ozone layer; health and medical issues, including research, genetic engineering and the distribution of modern drug therapies; and finally the political challenges of a global economy. For this reason, **more and more individuals are seeking to improve their English language skills for highly specific academic or professional reasons.** Courses that fall under the heading English for Specific Purposes (ESP) hold particular appeal with these students. These types of English courses are designed to meet the specific academic or professional needs of learners. Examples of ESP are courses in English for business or law. Each curriculum is centered on the language and culture specific to the field, while teaching grammar, vocabulary, communication style, and study skills.

## Who should enroll in English for Specific Purposes programs?

Generally, advanced students who have a specific area of academic or professional interest should consider these programs instead of a general English language course. Many programs require that applicants' English be at a high-intermediate or advanced level.

## Learning by example

**Yale University** offers a *Law Seminar* for non-native English speakers who are planning to enter a U.S. law school, or who are working in the field of law in an international context. Taught by attorneys and professors of law, Law Seminar students learn to analyze cases, identify issues, and understand the precedents formed in "case law," as well as the reasoning of a court.

Seminar students have a variety of field trip opportunities that give them a direct

glimpse into the world of law:

- \* Trips to federal and state prisons
- \* Visits to state and federal courts that often include meetings with judges, prosecutors and public defenders
- \* A visit to the United States Mission to the United Nations and a meeting with its lawyers, followed by a tour of the United Nations
- \* A visit to the U.S. Attorney's Office where students meet with its lawyers and with a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Meanwhile, instructors of Yale's Business Seminar focus on readings and cases that deal with international and cross-cultural issues. This encourages the sharing of insights across nationalities and the examination of culturally based assumptions about behavior in organizations. Business Seminar students take field trips to small businesses and the New York Stock Exchange.

## Custom designed programs

Often U.S. universities, usually through an intensive English language institute, will arrange short- or long-term specific English programs for groups. If a university does not offer English instruction focused on the field you seek, inquire about the possibility of developing such a program.

As we are brought closer together, closing the gap of time and distance, communication through a common language is becoming a pressing need. English for Specific Purposes programs present one of the unique ways to address that need.

## How is English for Specific Purposes different from general English language courses?

**1/** The English words and sentences learned, the subject matter discussed, all relate to a particular field or discipline, for

# SPECIFIC PURPOSES



Yale University, Connecticut

example, a lawyer writing a brief, or a diplomat preparing a policy paper. The courses make use of vocabulary and tasks related to the field, such as negotiation skills and effective techniques for oral presentations.

**2/** English for Specific Purposes programs use materials that are specially designed to meet the needs of a specific group of learners, usually adults.

**3/** Tuition for an ESP course may be somewhat higher than that of a general English language course. (The specialized teaching, requiring professionals, the broad range of supporting activities and facilities explain this higher cost.) In general, the course will conform to the length of a school's regular English language programs, although a highly specialized course lasting only two or three weeks might be designed to meet the needs of a specific group.

Apart from differences in ESP programs' duration and cost, these courses have a common purpose: to increase students' skill and confidence in using English. ★

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## TIPS for SUCCESS

### 1 Choose the right program for you

There are many things to think about when choosing which college or university to attend. Cost, of course, is always one of the main factors to consider. Verify what is included in the program fees and tuition listed in an advertisement or on a website. Some programs include field trips and excursions in the costs, while others add them as extra charges. Always remember that the term “optional” means it will cost you more for those services.

Service is also very important because it says a lot about how the institution treats its students. Are the contacts you interact with at the institution pleasant? Does the institution respond quickly to your questions and concerns, or do you have to wait a long time for answers? Are services provided to help you get adjusted to life in the USA (airport pick-up, links to students from your home country, orientation, etc.)?

Academic reputation and environment are also crucial. Are the class sizes small? Do national associations recognize the program? Are the teachers experienced? How long has the program been serving students?

### 2 Study hard, but enjoy your experience

Class work is obviously fundamental for academic success. But, just as valuable is the time that you spend outside of class. You may not remember the content of some of your classes, but you will remember the friends that you make and the relationships you develop. Clubs and organizations at your college or university give you a great chance to practice your language skills, while at the same time making friends with American and international students. Outings and excursions will help you learn more about the culture and enjoy your experience even more. Travel if you have the opportunity. If you can, try to arrange time either before or after your summer program so that you can travel and visit other regions and U.S. states.

### 3 Play it “safe”

Is the USA a safe place to study? Absolutely. The USA is one of the safest places in the world. All students want to study in a safe environment and this is even more important to parents. Including this in you and your parents’ decision making is completely normal and responsible. Take confidence in the fact that this is also of prime importance to every college and university. They want to ensure that all of their students are safe. A very, very small number of the millions of international students who have studied in the America have ever had problems with safety. As long as students follow the common sense instructions given to all students, both U.S. and international, there should be nothing unusual for you or your parents to worry about. ★

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# HOTEL & TOURISM PROGRAMS

*By Kelly Oto*

**T**ravel and tourism is the world's largest industry. International hospitality management involves working with so many people and cultural layers that it has the power to help shape international relations—and change the world.

For you, this translates to a wonderful opportunity for a wide variety of exciting career selections. If hospitality and tourism is your chosen career, you should study in the United States. Here's why ...

## **A Model for Global Industry**

Students from around the world come to this international hub of business and hospitality to learn and experience firsthand what customers want, need, and are going to demand in today's global economy. With the quality of customer service increasing the industry has become highly competitive. You need that professional edge to get your foot in the door. In the USA, hospitality training focuses on preparing students to become managers, rather than staff employees. Therefore, creative thinking and leadership is emphasized throughout the curriculum of a program.

## **Culture**

It may surprise you that by studying and living in the United States you'll increase your knowledge not only of American culture, but of other foreign cultures as well. The U.S. is truly a melting pot. We come from many different backgrounds and this is reflected in our everyday living. Experiencing a diverse set of cultures is especially advantageous for those in the hospitality field as clientele is not isolated to one country.

## **Enhanced English Language Skills**

By actually living in the United States you will be immersed with English speakers. Classes at most schools are taught in English by native speakers. Your speaking skills, vocabulary, idiomatic usage, comprehension and listening skills will all be enhanced. What's more, since English continues to be one of the major languages in global business, immersion in the language and culture is an added benefit.

## **Flexibility**

It is not unusual for Americans to change their major or pursue more than one program simultaneously. Additionally, students often transfer from one educational institution to another. For example, as you progress in your studies at one school, learning more



about the hospitality industry, you may discover a specific area of hospitality you want to pursue. This may motivate you to transfer to a different school that specializes in that area, or that is located near hotels and businesses offering internships that would be strategic to your career goals.

### Wide Choice of Programs

In the past 30 years, the number of U.S. post-secondary institutions offering hospitality, travel and tourism programs have more than quadrupled. This has resulted in a wide variety of philosophies and approaches. Guest service is the common thread woven through all programs. While not all programs are available at every school, generally there are certain areas you may want to study: lodging, recreation, travel, tourism, convention, culinary, food and beverage, and casino.

As an international student, you will find that the U.S. educational system offers instruction in a broad range of subjects. Most likely you will take classes that fall into the liberal arts category, as well as courses specific to your program, such as *Hotel and Restaurant Accounting*, *Resort Management* or *Ecotourism*.

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) offers a three-month *International Tourism & Hotel Management Certificate* focusing on the growth of environmental consciousness within tourism. Using case studies, instructors help students grasp concepts and practices of successful hotel management that emphasizes sustainability and conserving natural resources. Throughout the program the students examine real-life



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cases that involve tourism infrastructure, super structure (for example, developing a new airport) and issues relating to pollution. They then determine how a tourism project will affect the local economy and the environment.

Instructors tailor the assignment to each student's country or city of origin, teaching students from overseas to learn to identify how some tourism issues relate to their home countries and the possible solutions they can apply. They then give a class presentation about their findings.

Project management and customer service skills are important aspects of the program. For example, the *Customer Service* class covers a variety of topics: delivering better, faster service; increasing customer satisfaction; learning how to gain repeat business; finding workable solutions to customer problems; and motivating employees.

The *Marketing and Branding* class covers such timely topics as electronic resources, international competitive analyses and metrics for evaluation.

### Professors

Faculty members come from a diverse set of professional backgrounds. While qualifications may differ, generally speaking, faculty members have at least a master's degree and extensive experience in the industry. They are dedicated, hard-working and genuinely care for their students.

### Employment Experience

Many hospitality programs offer intensive training, cover a variety of subjects, and provide a special emphasis on customer

service—something that many students find to be an invaluable component of their training. Credentials, or a degree from an American school are well respected around the world, and most important, many graduates find great success and mobility in their career.

Through internships and work experience programs, you will gain invaluable practical experience in your chosen field. Internships are an ideal way for you to develop your customer service skills and to learn how to handle unique situations. The best programs integrate both academic site visits and trips to local attractions into the curriculum. Along with learning the business aspects of hospitality management, you will gain the perspective of your future customers.

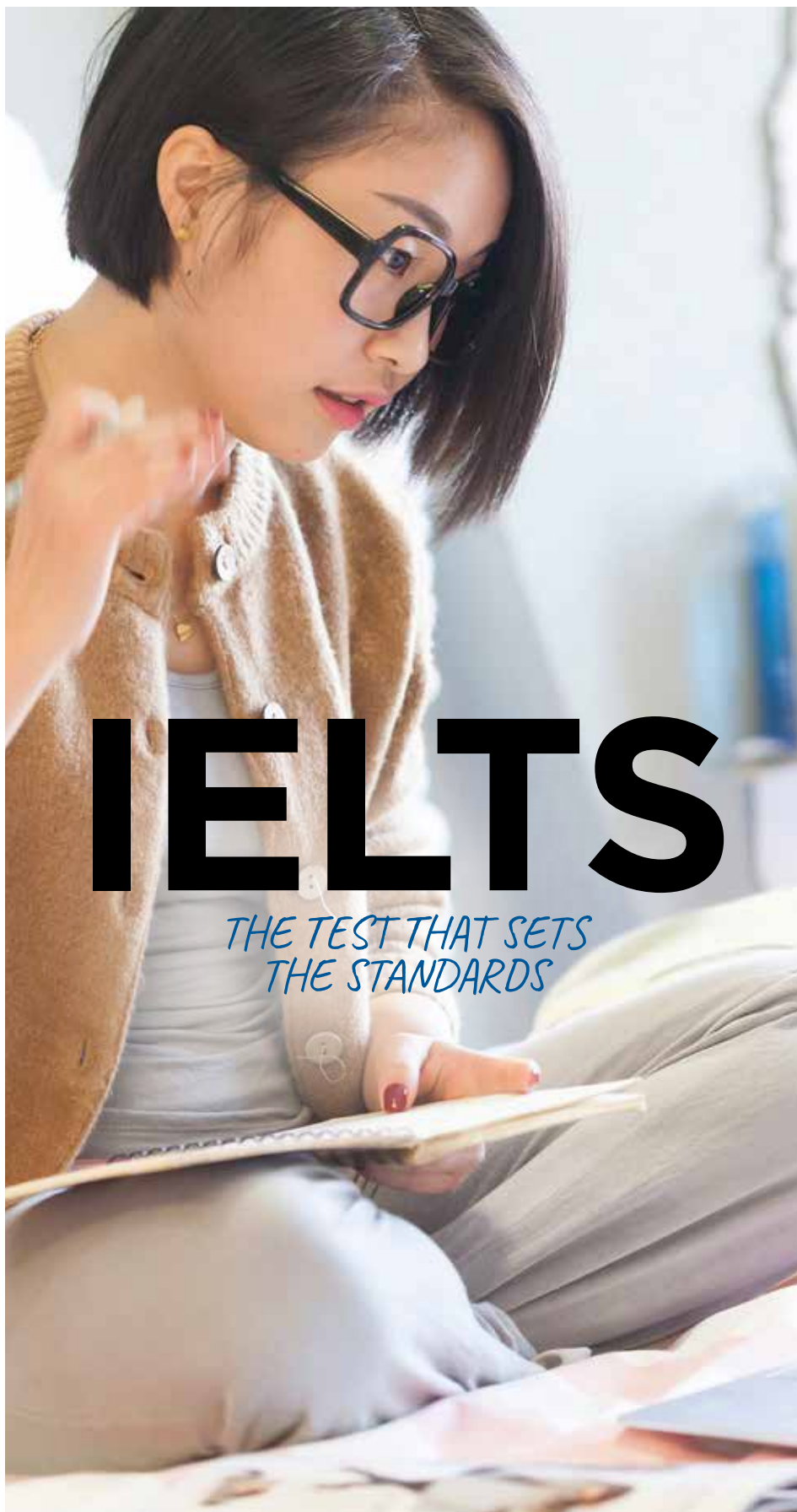
### Lasting Friendships

Last, but certainly not least, is the opportunity you will have to make lifelong friendships. The other students you will meet and the friends you will make will, in many cases, be in your life long after you complete your studies.

Thanks to the diversity and variety of excellent programs like these, hospitality graduates from U.S. schools are working in the hotel and restaurant industry in nearly every country of the world.

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## What can I do now?

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## The keys to planning to study in the USA

From the moment you decide to study in the USA, you will be faced with numerous choices. First, take the time to ask yourself each of the key questions below. Here is a simple, step-by-step checklist that will help you to plan your personal journey.

### WHAT?

What do you wish to study? Have you considered all options, such as liberal arts, sciences, business, engineering, or a specific trade or technical area? Determining your major or field of study is a good way to start identifying potential institutions.

### WHERE?

Have you also considered the location of the institution and what this area offers? What do you expect from your choice of education institution?

### SIZE?

What is your preferred campus environment? Would you prefer an institution with tens of thousands of students, sometimes on a single campus? Or are you more content with a smaller institution that has fewer than 1,000 students? Choose the campus environment which feels most comfortable to you.

### COST?

What is the total annual cost for attending the institution of your choice? Have you considered all expenses, including tuition, accommodation, living expenses, books, and other personal fees and costs? Do you need financial assistance to study in the USA and, if so, have you considered those institutions that can offer scholarships or financial aid specifically for international students?

Remember that although the choice may seem difficult, by considering each factor carefully you will reach a good decision that can have a positive impact on the next few years of your life. ★

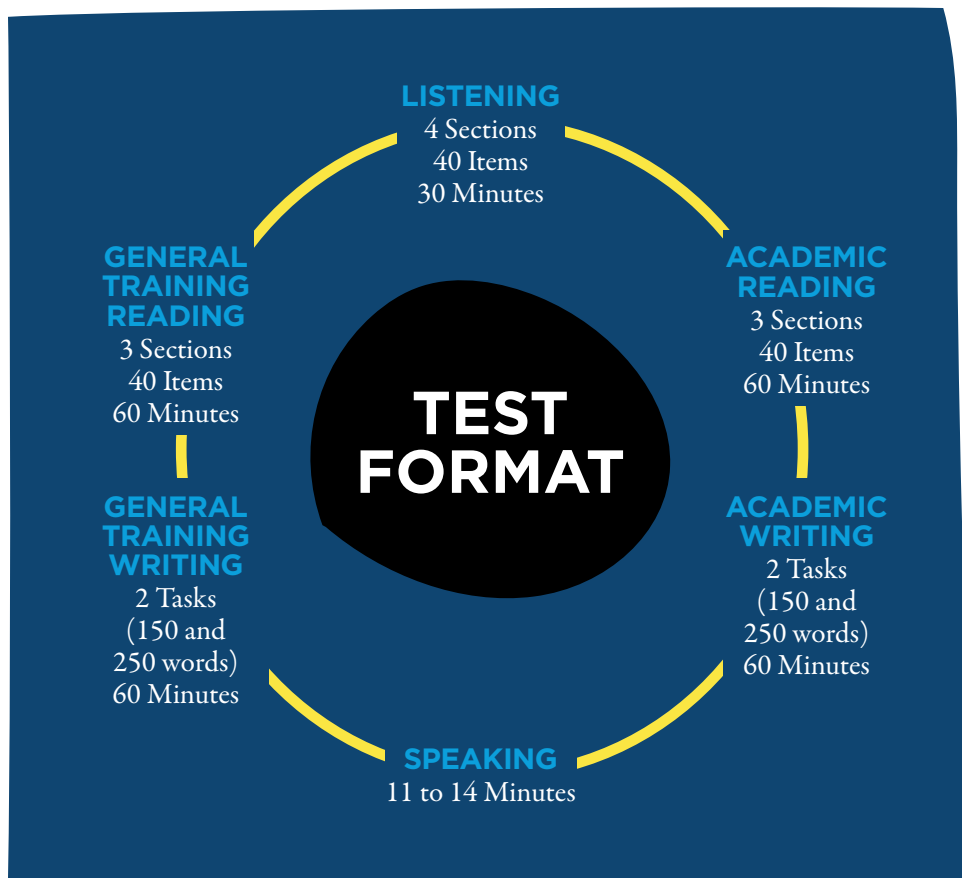
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# THE IELTS SPEAKING TEST

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS!

Unlike most other tests for admission to higher education, IELTS test takers are interviewed in person by an examiner trained to put you at ease. Here are some tips for success in your IELTS Speaking Test:

- 1/ Avoid short Yes/No answers. Expand your replies.
- 2/ Make sure you speak confidently and clearly. This will make your responses easier to understand and comprehend.
- 3/ Use a variety of words to express opinion e.g. *In my opinion, ... I think ... I feel ...*
- 4/ Do not memorize an answer. The questions change and you will find it difficult to answer naturally and fluently.
- 5/ You are marked on pronunciation. One thing which can help is correct intonation. Try not to be too monotonous.
- 6/ Don't be scared to ask the examiner to repeat the question. You can say, "Could you repeat the question, please?"







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## What is it?

The **GMAT**<sup>®</sup> (Graduate Management Admission Test<sup>®</sup>) exam is a standardized assessment used around the world to measure academic potential for graduate study in business and management. Accepted by more global business schools than any other test, the **GMAT** exam is considered the gold standard for graduate business admissions. When it comes to your success, there is no comparison. No other exam puts you on the path to higher salaries, greater opportunities, and more career options. The **GMAT** lets you shine a light on the skills that matter most in the business school classroom and in your career.

## Who should take it?

Quality graduate business programs worldwide rely on the **GMAT** exam as part of their admissions process, so if you're serious about going to business school and getting into the program of your choice, the **GMAT** should be your first step. For the past 60 years, business leaders worldwide have started their MBA journey with the **GMAT**. Nearly 10 million students have taken it and been successful. You can too.

## How do I register?

The **GMAT** exam is available at more than 600 test centers in 114 countries worldwide. Visit [mba.com/register](http://mba.com/register) to schedule your **GMAT** exam and to find a test center in your area. Although the exam is administered year round, test takers must register at least 24 hours in advance. Appointments near program deadlines and on weekends tend to fill quickly. The test fee is US\$250, and you will incur taxes when you schedule an exam in certain countries. Use the contact information listed below for any questions related to your registration.

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## What does the GMAT exam cover?

The **GMAT** exam is an assessment of higher order reasoning skills that matter most to schools and businesses. The exam measures *Quantitative*, *Verbal*, *Analytical Writing* and *Integrated Reasoning* skills.

\* The *Quantitative section* measures your ability to reason quantitatively and solve quantitative problems. Basic knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, and geometry is required, but the *Quantitative* section is a test of reasoning and not the underlying math skills.

\* The *Verbal section* measures your ability to read and comprehend written ma-

terial, to reason and evaluate arguments, and to correct written material to convey meaning effectively in standard written English.

\* The *Analytical Writing assessment* measures your ability to think critically and communicate your ideas through writing.

\* The *Integrated Reasoning section* measures your ability to interpret and analyze data from different sources and presented in different formats to solve problems. The *Integrated Reasoning* section helps you stand out by showcasing the skills that you need to succeed in our technologically advanced, data-rich world.

The **GMAT** exam is a standardized computer-based exam administered in English. The *Quantitative* and *Verbal* sections are computer adaptive, which means questions are chosen for you based on how you answered previous questions. Your score is based on the difficulty of the questions answered and the number of correct responses.

## What should I expect on test day?

To arrive fully prepared on the day of your exam and perform your best, you should understand the **GMAT** format and pacing, practice sample questions, and review one section at a time.

\* **Question Formats:** The **GMAT** exam includes question formats that you

# The GMAT Exam at-a-Glance

4 sections, 3 hours, 30 minutes total time

	VERBAL	QUANTITATIVE	AWA	INTEGRATED REASONING
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	41 QUESTIONS	37 QUESTIONS	1 ESSAY	12 QUESTIONS
QUESTION TYPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reading comprehension</li> <li>critical reasoning</li> <li>sentence correction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>data sufficiency</li> <li>problem solving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>analysis of an argument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>multi-source reasoning</li> <li>graphics interpretation</li> <li>two-part analysis</li> <li>table analysis</li> </ul>
TIMING	75 MINUTES	75 MINUTES	30 MINUTES	30 MINUTES
WHAT IS MEASURED	Your ability to read and understand written material, evaluate arguments, and correct written material.	Your ability to analyze data and draw conclusions using basic math skills.	Your ability to think critically and communicate your ideas.	Your ability to evaluate information presented in multiple formats from multiple sources.
SCORE RANGE	0-60	0-60	0-6	1-8

**TOTAL SCORE 200-800**

may not have seen before. *Data Sufficiency* questions, for example, ask you how much data you need to solve a problem rather than determining the solution. You should work through some sample questions before you sit for the test to make sure you thoroughly understand how the question formats work. This will help you focus on answering the questions efficiently during your test session.

✳️ **Pacing:** The **GMAT** exam is timed, so knowing how to pace yourself so that you can finish each section is important. If you don't finish you will still receive scores, as long as you have worked on every section. But not finishing can substantially affect your score.

On average, you have about one and three-quarter minutes to respond to each *Verbal* question and about two minutes to respond to each *Quantitative* question. You'll have about two and a half minutes to answer each *Integrated Reasoning* question, most of which have more than one answer statement requiring a response.

Although the "Help" function will be accessible at any time during the test, any time spent reviewing the "Help" screens will count against the allotted time for that particular test section.

The exam requires minimal computer skills, such as using a keyboard and mouse. In addition, the *Integrated Reasoning* section will require basic computer navigation skills, such as clicking on tabs to reveal data sheets, and using drop-down menus.

When you take the **GMAT** exam, be prepared to read each question carefully and choose the best answer. If you do not know the answer, try to eliminate answers you know are incorrect and then guess from the remaining choices. You may not skip questions or change answers once they have been confirmed, but you do have to answer each question to move on.

For more information, a video available at [mba.com/testday](http://mba.com/testday), shows the exam check-in procedure and what a typical test center looks like.

On the day of the exam, test takers can preview their unofficial scores before deciding whether to report or cancel them. This score reporting feature is available to all test takers at all 600 test centers around the world that administer the **GMAT** exam. As a test taker, you are given the option of reporting or canceling your scores immediately

after taking the test and before leaving the test center. Under the new process, you will see your unofficial scores—*Integrated Reasoning*, *Quantitative*, *Verbal*, and *Total*—and will be given two minutes to decide whether to accept them. If you do not make a choice, your scores will be canceled.

In addition, if you decide to cancel your scores at the test center, you will be able to reinstate them within 60 days of the test date for a \$100 fee. After that, scores will not be retrievable.

## How should I prepare for the GMAT?

Preparing for and doing well on the **GMAT** exam is like any goal. If you start with a solid study plan and execute it, you'll succeed. Smart test takers get the most out of practice tests and preparation resources, understand how they learn, and stay positive throughout the process. Your study plan will help you stay on track week to week, which will translate into progress as you work through the material.

To help you familiarize yourself with the question formats and the pacing required, the *Graduate Management Admission Council*® (*GMAC*®) provides free **GMATPrep**® software ([mba.com/gmatprep](http://mba.com/gmatprep)), which provides a first-hand look at what the exam is really like. **GMATPrep**® features two timed, full-length computer adaptive tests with questions that have been retired from the actual **GMAT** exam. The software also includes answers and explanations, as well as a comprehensive math review and real-time scoring of the multiple choice questions.



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A number of other resources are available on [mba.com](http://mba.com) ([mba.com/prepare](http://mba.com/prepare)). Our Preparation Timeline, for example, offers a step-by-step approach to your best **GMAT**, and includes links to study tips, prep products, and advice from admissions professionals for improving your weak areas and enhancing your strengths.

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## Your GMAT scores

**GMAT** scores are the best predictor of your success. The Total score is reported on a scale of 200-800 and is based on your performance on the *Quantitative* and *Verbal Reasoning* sections. Unofficial score reports are available immediately following the exam at the test center. Official reports include scores on all four sections and are available within 20 days of the exam. Your **GMAT** score is valid for five years.

## How do schools use scores?

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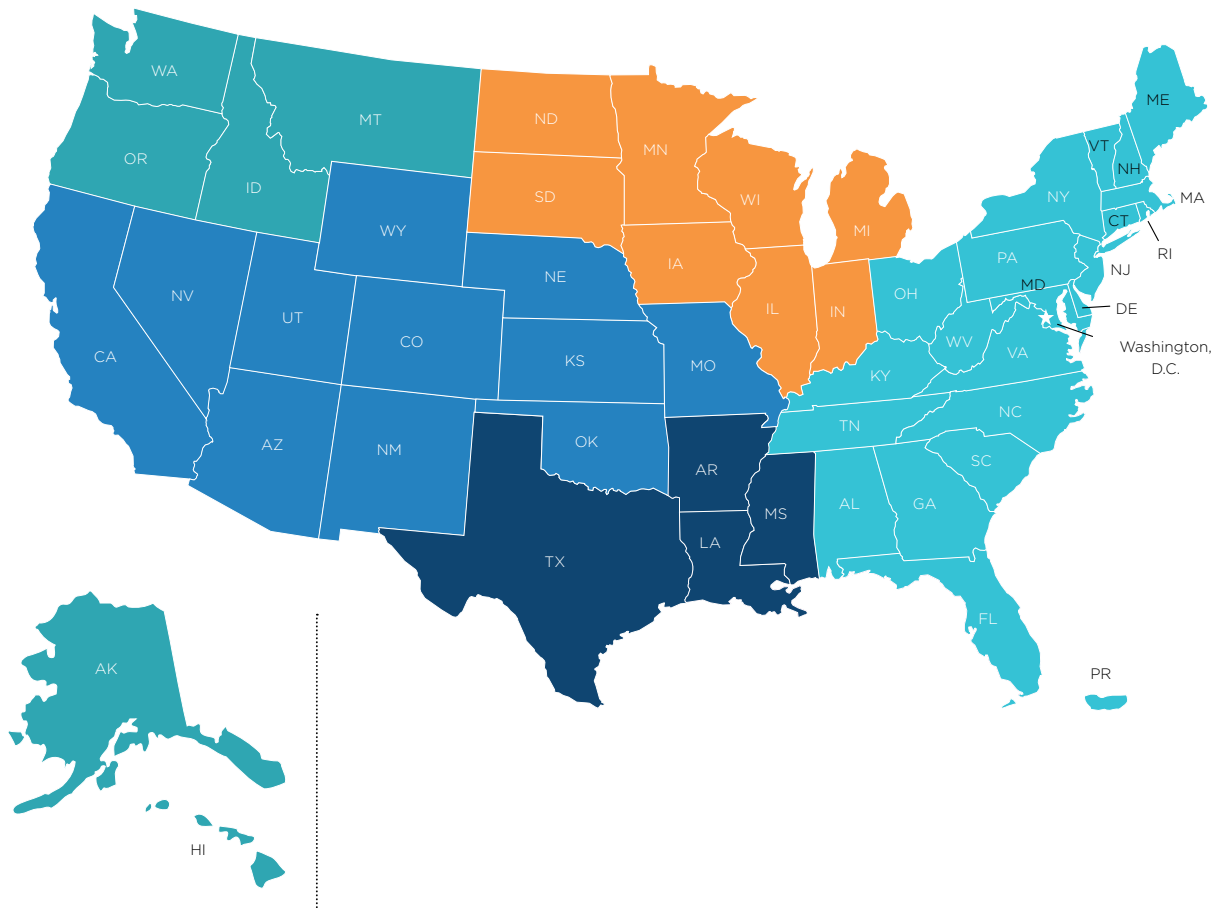
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## ELECTRONICS

- + Adapters
- + Computer
- + Flash drive
- + Camera
- + Translation calculator

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- + American currency
- + Copy of your  
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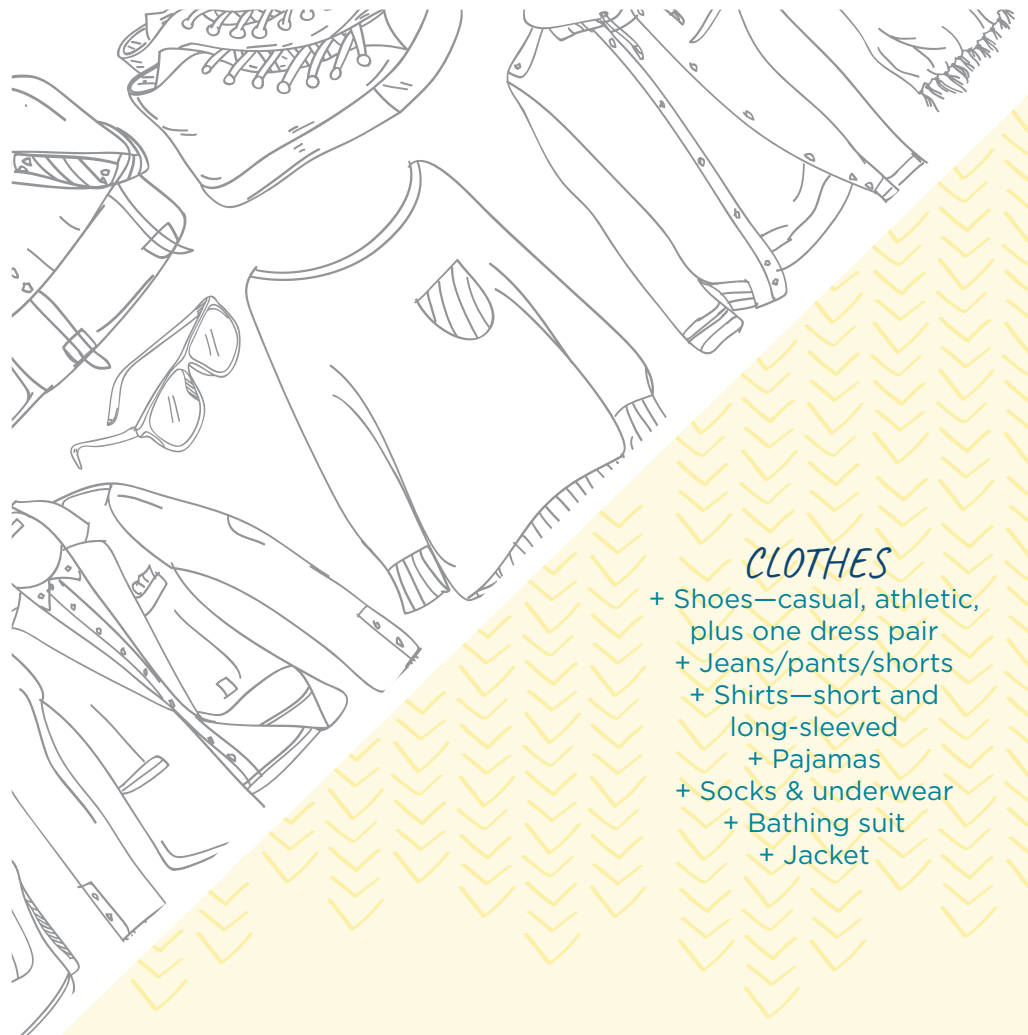
- + Lightweight, non-perishable food items, such as spices
- + Photos of friends and family
- + Any sentimental item that reminds you of home

## TOILETRIES

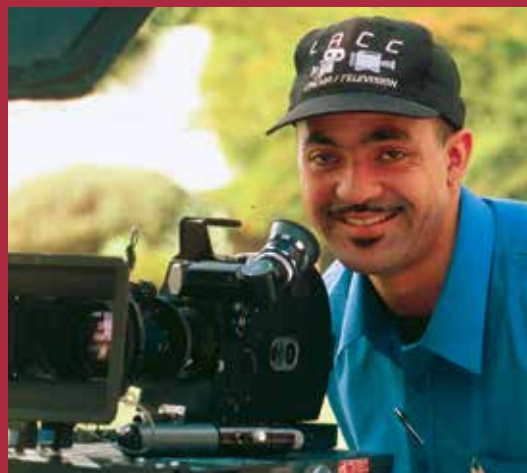
- + Toothbrush
- + Toothpaste
- + Shampoo
- + Comb/brush
- + Soap
- + Deodorant
- + Any special items or medication that you can only get in your country

## CLOTHES

- + Shoes—casual, athletic, plus one dress pair
- + Jeans/pants/shorts
- + Shirts—short and long-sleeved
- + Pajamas
- + Socks & underwear
- + Bathing suit
- + Jacket







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