

STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)

2026-27

SICS STUDENT COUNTRY GUIDE SERIES

Your Complete Guide to
Studying in the **USA**

 **WORLD-CLASS
EDUCATION**

 **INNOVATION &
RESEARCH HUB**

 **DIVERSE
COMMUNITY**

 **EXCELLENT
CAREER PROSPECTS**

 **A GATEWAY TO
GLOBAL SUCCESS**

WHY STUDENTS CHOOSE THE USA

The United States is the world's most popular study destination, known for its globally ranked universities, cutting-edge research, innovation, and unmatched career opportunities.

- ✓ World's Highest Ranked Universities
- ✓ Flexible Education System
- ✓ Research & Innovation Hub
- ✓ Excellent Career Opportunities
- ✓ OPT & STEM Work Benefits
- ✓ Diverse Student Community
- ✓ Strong Industry Connections
- ✓ Global Recognition

THE US EDUCATION SYSTEM

 **ASSOCIATE
DEGREE**
2 YEARS

 **BACHELOR'S
DEGREE**
4 YEARS

 **MASTER'S
DEGREE**
1-2 YEARS

 **DOCTORAL
DEGREE**
4-6 YEARS

QUICK FACTS

 Capital	Washington, D.C.
 Population	340+ Million
 Currency	US Dollar (\$)
 Language	English
 Intakes	Fall, Spring, Summer
 Bachelor's Duration	4 Years
 Master's Duration	1-2 Years
 PhD Duration	4-6 Years
 Student Visa	F-1 Visa
 Post Study Work	OPT & STEM OPT
 International Students	1 Million+
 Time Difference from India	Approx. 9.5-12.5 Hours

POPULAR STUDENT CITIES

 **NEW YORK CITY**

- Financial capital
- Endless networking opportunities

 **BOSTON**

- Home to prestigious universities
- Strong academic culture

 **LOS ANGELES**

- Entertainment & technology hub

 **CHICAGO**

- Affordable compared to coastal cities

 **SAN FRANCISCO**

- Silicon Valley access

 **DALLAS**

- Growing employment market
- Lower living costs

 **TOP RANKED
UNIVERSITIES**
Home to some of the world's best institutions

 **RESEARCH &
INNOVATION**
World-leading facilities and breakthroughs

 **GLOBAL CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES**
Access to top employers and industries

 **CULTURAL
DIVERSITY**
Students from all over the world



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TOP UNIVERSITIES IN THE USA

IVY LEAGUE UNIVERSITIES

The Ivy League includes some of the world's most prestigious institutions.



Harvard University



University of Pennsylvania



Yale University



Dartmouth College



Princeton University



Brown University



Columbia University



Cornell University

POPULAR UNIVERSITIES AMONG INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- University at Buffalo (SUNY)
- Arizona State University
- Northeastern University
- University of Illinois Chicago
- Purdue University
- University of Cincinnati
- University of South Florida
- George Mason University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- Pace University
- Drexel University
- DePaul University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Illinois Institute of Technology



These universities offer excellent academic programs, research opportunities, and strong career outcomes.

MOST POPULAR COURSES



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

- MBA
- Finance
- Business Analytics
- Marketing
- International Business



COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Science
- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Science
- Cyber Security
- Software Engineering



ENGINEERING

- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Robotics
- Aerospace Engineering



HEALTHCARE

- Public Health
- Healthcare Administration
- Biotechnology
- Biomedical Engineering



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- Film Production
- Animation
- Digital Media
- Graphic Design



OTHER POPULAR AREAS

- Law
- Education
- Psychology
- Hospitality
- Supply Chain Management

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



TECHNOLOGY

Google, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, Meta



FINANCE

JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley



HEALTHCARE

Hospitals, Research Institutions, Healthcare Providers



ENGINEERING

Manufacturing, Construction, Renewable Energy



CONSULTING

Deloitte, PwC, EY, KPMG



STARTUPS

Thousands of innovation-driven companies

TYPICAL GRADUATE SALARIES (STARTING)

INDUSTRY	STARTING SALARY (USD)
 IT & Tech	\$70,000 – \$120,000
 Engineering	\$65,000 – \$110,000
 Finance	\$70,000 – \$130,000
 Healthcare	\$60,000 – \$100,000
 Business	\$55,000 – \$95,000



WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Learn from globally ranked universities and top faculty.



RESEARCH & INNOVATION HUB

Access cutting-edge research and state-of-the-art facilities.



DIVERSE STUDENT COMMUNITY

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COST OF STUDYING IN THE USA

TUITION FEES (APPROXIMATE)

PROGRAM	APPROXIMATE FEES (USD)
Bachelor's Degree	\$20,000 – \$55,000 / year
Master's Degree	\$18,000 – \$60,000 / year
MBA	\$30,000 – \$100,000+ / year
PhD	\$20,000 – \$50,000 / year

LIVING EXPENSES (APPROXIMATE)

AFFORDABLE CITIES	MAJOR CITIES
\$800 – \$1,400 per month	\$1,500 – \$3,000 per month

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Accommodation |  Health Insurance |
|  Food |  Study Materials |
|  Transportation |  Personal Expenses |

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

-  **ON-CAMPUS HOUSING**
Convenient and close to university facilities.
-  **SHARED APARTMENTS**
Popular among students for affordable living.
-  **PRIVATE RENTALS**
Greater independence and flexibility.
-  **HOMESTAY**
Live with American families and experience the culture.

WORKING WHILE STUDYING



ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Up to 20 hours per week during academic sessions.



CPT (CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING)

Allows work experience related to your field of study.

POST-STUDY WORK OPPORTUNITIES



OPT (OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING)

Up to 12 Months



STEM OPT EXTENSION

Additional 24 Months for eligible STEM graduates.

TOTAL OF UP TO 36 MONTHS
of work authorization in the USA.

POPULAR SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ Fulbright Foreign Student Program
- ✓ AAUW International Fellowships
- ✓ Hubert Humphrey Fellowship
- ✓ University Merit Scholarships
- ✓ Graduate Assistantships
- ✓ Research Assistantships
- ✓ Need-Based Scholarships



Many universities offer merit-based, need-based and departmental scholarships to international students.

SMART WAYS TO MANAGE COSTS

-  Apply for scholarships and assistantships
-  Choose universities with good ROI
-  Live in affordable student housing
-  Cook meals and manage expenses wisely
-  Use student discounts and offers
-  Take advantage of on-campus jobs

STUDENT LIFE IN THE USA

-  Diverse & multicultural environment
-  1000+ student clubs and organizations
-  Top-class sports and recreation facilities
-  Safe and student-friendly campuses
-  Exciting events and cultural experiences

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- ✓ F-1 Visa is required for full-time study
- ✓ Health insurance is mandatory in most universities
- ✓ Academic sessions are in Fall, Spring, and Summer
- ✓ Good academic record helps in OPT & jobs
- ✓ Plan finances early and stay budget-conscious

OPEN DOORS TO ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES



WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Study at top-ranked universities.



HIGH SALARY POTENTIAL

Excellent earning possibilities.



GLOBAL CAREER EXPOSURE

Work with top companies and global leaders.



INNOVATION & RESEARCH

Be part of cutting-edge research and innovation.



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THINGS MOST STUDENTS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE USA

1



RANKINGS ARE NOT EVERYTHING

Many mid-ranked universities offer excellent ROI and employment outcomes.

2



LOCATION MATTERS MORE THAN STUDENTS THINK

Studying near industry hubs can significantly improve internship and job opportunities.

EXAMPLES:



Silicon Valley



Boston Innovation District



Texas Tech Corridor



New York Financial Hub

3



ASSISTANTSHIPS CAN REDUCE COSTS

Graduate Assistantships and Research Assistantships may cover tuition and provide stipends.

4



NETWORKING IS ESSENTIAL

Students who attend career fairs, conferences, university events, and industry meetups often secure better opportunities.

5



INTERNSHIPS DRIVE EMPLOYABILITY

US employers highly value internships, projects, research experience, and leadership activities.

IS THE USA RIGHT FOR YOU?



CHOOSE THE USA IF YOU WANT:

- ✓ World-class universities
- ✓ Maximum career opportunities
- ✓ Research-focused education
- ✓ High salary potential
- ✓ Strong technology ecosystem
- ✓ Flexible course structures



CONSIDER OTHER DESTINATIONS IF YOU WANT:

- ✗ Lowest tuition fees
- ✗ Simpler immigration pathways
- ✗ Shortest study duration



SICS EXPERT RECOMMENDATION

The USA is ideal for:



STEM Students



Engineering Aspirants



MBA Candidates



Computer Science Students



Research-Oriented Students



Future Entrepreneurs



Students Seeking
High-Paying Careers

WHY THE USA STANDS OUT



WORLD-LEADING UNIVERSITIES

Home to the top universities globally.



CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

Access to advanced labs and facilities.



STRONG INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Collaborations with top global companies.



HIGH SALARY POTENTIAL

Attractive salaries across industries.



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SOP & LOR SUPPORT

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VISA FILING

End-to-end visa application support.



ACCOMMODATION GUIDANCE

Find safe and comfortable housing.



PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING

Complete briefing for a smooth transition.

