

# Study in USA - Information

**Millions of young people from all over the world dream of being in the United States of America and studying at one of its universities.** And from what the data show, many are the ones who succeed, since in the USA, close to 3 million foreign students from all over the world go to study. Both the academic education and the experiences and opportunities given to the students attract more and more students every year. However, it is not an easy task. For admission to an undergraduate program the following are absolutely necessary:

1. **High school diploma.** A high school diploma is the basic, typical requirement. A good grade helps as much as other skills (music, sports, etc.).
2. **The results of your high school in the last 3 years** and A Levels or IB Certificate count more.
3. **SAT.** The higher the University of your Choice is ranked it is more likely that examinations be required in the "Scholastic Aptitude Test". SAT I evaluates a student's language proficiency and math skills, whilst SAT II evaluates the level of the student's knowledge in specific subjects. The test is offered six times a year.
4. **TOEFL.** The Test of English as Foreign Language examines the candidate's knowledge in English and not in any specialized terminology.
5. **Letters of recommendation.**

There are SAT and TOEFL examination centers exams in Cyprus and the exams take place every two months.

All subjects taught in universities in the USA are taught in the English language. Tuition fees are quite high compared to other countries ranging from 12,000 to 50,000 dollars, depending on the field of study or university you choose. However there are also colleges offering a 2-year study program, the cost of which is much less, around 5,000 dollars and you can transfer your courses to 4-year study program universities (depending on the field of study). Bachelor's degrees last 4 years, Masters usually 2 years and PhD 3 years.

A number of scholarships are given to students with high academic achievements but also to students who stand out for their good athletic or artistic performance. However, what matters most, is for the candidate to convince the University of his ability to achieve results in anything he or she undertakes. If this ability is convincingly presented in the application and personal statement, showing the strong desire and determination of the applicant to accomplish his aims, this will be his most important advantage.

To study in America you have to start searching/preparing 12 to 18 months prior. Applications are usually submitted from January to February. If you secure a place then your next step is at the embassy to obtain a visa and handle other procedures needed for your transition to America.