



USA Study Guide Checklist for Indian Students

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USA STUDY VISA CHECKLIST

DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

(Before Applying to Universities)

- ✓ 10th, 12th, and Bachelor's/Diploma mark sheets
- ✓ Valid passport (minimum 6 months validity)
- ✓ English proficiency test score (TOEFL / IELTS / Duolingo/Medium of Instruction)
- ✓ GRE / GMAT / SAT scores (if required)
- ✓ Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- ✓ Resume/CV
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation (usually 2–3)
- ✓ Passport-size photographs
- ✓ Work experience certificates (if applicable)

Other documents as case to case and as per university norms
Proof of funds as per the university norms

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Online application submission
- Application fee payment (USD 50–150)
- Academic transcripts
- Standardized test scores
- SOP and LORs
- Financial proof for I-20 issuance



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POPULAR INTAKES

- Fall (August/September) – Major intake
- Spring (January) – Secondary intake
- Summer (May/June) – Limited programs

TUITION FEES (ANNUAL AVERAGE)

PROGRAM LEVEL	FEES (USD)
Community College	\$8,000 – \$15,000
Bachelor's Degree	\$8,000 – \$40,000
Master's Degree	\$12,000 – \$50,000

TOP STUDENT CITIES

- New York
- Boston
- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- Chicago
- Houston
- Seattle

Tips:

- Apply 3–12 months before your intake.
- Shortlist based on scholarships and OPT options.
- TOEFL is widely accepted; Duolingo gaining popularity.
- Always prepare for Interview with industry experts like CareerQuiz



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USA VISA PROCESS & INSTITUTIONS

USA F-1 STUDENT VISA PROCESS

1. **Apply & get accepted** into a SEVP-approved university
2. Receive **Form I-20** from the institution
3. Pay **SEVIS Fee (I-901)** – \$350
4. Schedule visa appointment at ustraveldocs.com
5. Prepare documents:
 - o Valid Passport
 - o I-20 Form
 - o Visa application (DS-160 confirmation)
 - o Visa fee receipt (MRV)
 - o SEVIS fee receipt
 - o Academic records
 - o Test scores (TOEFL, GRE, etc.)
 - o Proof of finances for 1 year
 - o Ties to home country (for intent to return)
6. Attend visa interview at US Embassy/Consulate
7. **Receive F-1 Visa** (if approved)



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TOP UNIVERSITIES USA

- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- MIT – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of California (Berkeley, LA, San Diego)
- Columbia University
- Princeton University
- University of Chicago
- New York University (NYU)

American International College

Bay Atlantic University

Coe College

Community College of Philadelphia

East Tennessee State University

Fox Valley Technical College

Greensboro College

Hanover College

Hartwick College

Hawaii Pacific University

Keck Graduate Institute

Monroe College

Montana State University Billings

Massachusetts

Washington, D.C.

Iowa

Pennsylvania

Tennessee

Wisconsin

North Carolina

Indiana

New York

Hawaii

California

New York

Montana



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Mount Saint Mary's University	California
Pacific Lutheran University	Washington
Pacific States University	California
San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley	California
Shoreline Community College	Washington
University of Missouri—St. Louis	Missouri
Westminster College	Missouri
Whitworth University	Washington
Adelphi University	New York
American University	Washington, D.C.
Auburn University	Auburn, Alabama
Barton College	Wilson, North Carolina
Bellarmino University	Louisville, Kentucky
Belmont University	Nashville, Tennessee
Carroll University	Waukesha, Wisconsin
Central Methodist University	Fayette, Missouri
Cleveland State University	Cleveland, Ohio
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell, South Dakota
Edgewood College	Madison, Wisconsin
Fairfield University	Fairfield, Connecticut
Gonzaga University	Spokane, Washington
Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore, Maryland
Lakeland University	Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Lewis University	Romeoville, Illinois
Lynn University	Boca Raton, Florida



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McMurry University	Abilene, Texas
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Rolla, Missouri
Oklahoma City University	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Palm Beach Atlantic University	West Palm Beach, Florida
Randolph College	Lynchburg, Virginia
Robert Morris University	Moon Township, Pennsylvania
Roosevelt University	Chicago, Illinois
Rutgers University	Camden, New Jersey
Shenandoah University	Winchester, Virginia
Tulane University	New Orleans, Louisiana
University of Charleston	Charleston, West Virginia
University of Dayton	Dayton, Ohio
University of Dubuque	Dubuque, Iowa
University of Illinois Springfield	Springfield, Illinois
University of Massachusetts Amherst	Massachusetts
University of Massachusetts Boston	Boston, Massachusetts
University of the Pacific	Northern California
University of Saint Mary	Leavenworth, Kansas
University of South Carolina	Columbia, South Carolina
University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming
Virginia Wesleyan University	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Wentworth Institute of Technology	Boston, Massachusetts
Western New England University	Springfield, Massachusetts



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UNDERGRADUATE ONLY

American Collegiate DC	Washington, D.C.
American Collegiate LA	Los Angeles, California
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery, Alabama
Austin College	Sherman, Texas
Blackburn College	Carlinville, Illinois
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater, Virginia
Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle, Washington
Dean College	Franklin, Massachusetts
Eureka College	Eureka, Illinois
Florida International University	Miami, Florida
Hiram College	Hiram, Ohio
Holy Cross College at Notre Dame	Notre Dame, Indiana
Louisiana State University	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Lycoming College	Williamsport, Pennsylvania
MGH Institute of Health Professions	Boston, Massachusetts
Moravian University	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Mount St. Mary's University	Emmitsburg, Maryland
Ohio Wesleyan University	Delaware, Ohio
Salve Regina University	Newport, Rhode Island
Schreiner University	Kerrville, Texas
Southwestern University	Georgetown, Texas
St. Thomas Aquinas College	Sparkill, New York
Trinity Christian College	Palos Heights, Illinois
University at Buffalo	Buffalo, New York



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University of Central Florida	Orlando, Florida
University of Illinois at Chicago	Chicago, Illinois
University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kansas
University of Lynchburg	Lynchburg, Virginia
University of Nevada	Reno, Nevada
University of Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah
Utah Tech University	St. George, Utah
Washington and Jefferson College	Washington, Pennsylvania
Western Oregon University	Monmouth, Oregon
Whittier College	Whittier, California
Wilson College – Chambersburg,	Pennsylvania
York College of Pennsylvania	York, Pennsylvania

TOP COMMUNITY COLLEGES (AFFORDABLE)

- Santa Monica College (California)
- Lone Star College (Texas)
- Valencia College (Florida)
- Seattle Central College (Washington)



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WORK OPPORTUNITIES

- On-campus jobs : up to 20 hrs/week
- OPT (Optional Practical Training) : 12 months post-study
- STEM OPT Extension : Additional 24 months
- CPT (Curricular Practical Training) : During study
- High H1B sponsorship rates for STEM graduates

WHY CAREER QUIZ?

- Established since 2002
- Apply for 10,000+ Courses and 1000+ Universities of Canada, UK, Australia, USA, NZ. Directly through CAREERQUIZ.
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