

## Country Overview

**"For the students looking for the best overseas education and planning to put their careers on the fast track, USA is the hottest destination".** This is because it has immense range of specialties, high quality of education, great opportunities, which attracts students from different countries of the world.

**Students can choose a suitable university from over 3800 universities and colleges available in USA that facilitates several educational programs.**

U.S provides a lot of offers for international students like, prestigious education in the world, assorted cities and towns, dazzling natural parks, different events and multicultural population.

## History

The United States of America is a constitutional federal republic nation on North America continent consisting of fifty states and a federal district. After the fragmentation of American's colonies with its mother country in 1776, USA was recognized as a new nation. During the 19th and 20th centuries, 37 new states were added to the original 13 states and it has expanded across the North America and other overseas possessions.

The history of USA has two distressing experiences, Civil War (1861-65) and great Depression (1930s). Upholding the victory of world wars I and II and the Cold War, US has remained the powerful nation of the world. There was steady growth in the US economy with low unemployment rate and inflation and has rapid advances in technology.

## Economy

USA has the most powerful economy in the world both in terms of economy and technology with a per capita GDP of \$46000 in 2007 and with 12% below poverty line (as per [CIA World Factbook](#)).

The growth in GDP is strengthening by extensive gains in labor productivity. Many companies in USA are ahead in technological advances, specifically in computers, aerospace, medical, and in military equipments.

Formerly, USA has fascinated several immigrants from all over the world and is still the nation that has highly populated them compared to other industrialized countries. All the gains in household income were constantly rising up by 20% of families. Together, all these reasons explain the fiscal status of the country, which shows good scope for the international students and build their careers.

## Climate

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As USA is a big country, its climatic condition varies from place to place. There will be temperate climate in most part of the country. Usually the southern and western half of the country will be warm than the other regions and extreme hot in summer. The eastern and northern half region will be extremely cold and heavy snowfall in winters and will be pleasant in summer. Places like Hawaii and Florida will have tropical climate, freezing in places around Alaska and semi-dry in Great Plains west regions of Mississippi River and dry in Great Basin of the southwest region. Prior to their transition, overseas students have to prepare themselves for the climatic conditions.

In New Zealand the university year begins in late February or early March, and ends in October. Generally, the university year is divided into two semesters, with a six week mid-semester break. Polytechnics and Technical Colleges usually begin in February, and end in November.

### Culture

USA is the country with diverse cultures and is the home for extensive groups of ethics, customs and values. People in United States tend to the human values and socioeconomic triumph. The people and culture in United States are much different from Indians. The students who choose the universities will come across the regional culture and rich traditions and customs. The nation has a multi-racial society that merges new immigrants despite of the country from which they come from. The culture of USA reveals a trend to hybridize pop culture, thus it is called as high culture. The expansion of American culture was apparent in many aspects like, music, dance, movies, sports, architecture, literature, poetry, cuisine and visual arts, which are highly followed by all around the world.

## Food

Traditional American cuisine arts are much similar to several Western countries. Wheat is the primary cereal grain. The main ingredients in American food include turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, slow-cooked pork and beef barbecue, crab cakes, potato chips, and cookies. You can also find many Indian restaurants in every city, where you can find unique cuisines from different regions of India. [Click Here](#) for the list of Indian restaurants in USA.

Food snacks such as, fried chicken, pizzas, hamburgers, hot dogs, apple pie are derived from the recipes of various immigrants. Many people even prefer to eat Italian pastas, Mexican dishes such as burritos and tacos. Usually Americans prefer coffee to tea and milk is the chronic breakfast drink. With the evolution of beverage industries, orange juice and sweetened

soft drinks are highly consumed.

## Multiculturalism

In the United States, multiculturalism is the fundamental obsession expressing that people from different culture, ethics and races are equal and they can keep their identities, can take pride in their heritage and have a sense of belonging. It gives a sense of safety and confidence for immigrants, making them more open to, and accepting of, diverse cultures. Multiculturalism encourages racial and ethnic harmony and cross-cultural understanding, and discourages ghettoization, hatred, discrimination and violence. Multiculturalism enables United States to identify the prospective of all Americans. It cheers people from other countries to incorporate into their society and participate in its social, cultural, economic and political interactions.

## Job Market

There is good job market for new graduates in United States. As per the reviews of [National Association of Colleges and Employers \(NACE\)](#), many companies in United States are competing to hire new graduates. As a result there are increased opportunities for graduates from abroad. According to the survey, around 60% of companies are planning to recruit more graduates in 2007 than they recruited in the year 2006.

According to [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) in June 2007, the unemployment rate in United States was decreased to 4.5%. The report stated that the highest unemployment rate was for Michigan with 7.2% followed by Ohio with 6.1% and Mississippi with 6%, Idaho at 2.5% and Utah at 2.6%. The lowest unemployment rate was for the states of Hawaii and Montana at 2.4% each. These facts states that there is good opportunities for the international students in USA and for their careers on good path.

## Tourism

There is a large tourism industry in U.S that provides millions of international and domestic tourists. The country is the homeland for natural wonders, historical landmarks, cities, and gambling spots. People in US seek for comparable attractions in addition to the amusement and vacation areas. Many universities facilitate educational tours for their students.

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### Facts

- **Full name:** United States of America
- **Population:** 305.8 million (UN, 2007)
- **Capital:** Washington DC
- **Largest city:** New York City
- **Area:** 9.8 million sq km (3.8 million sq miles)
- **Major language:** English
- **Major religion:** Christianity
- **Life expectancy:** 76 years (men), 81 years (women) (UN)
- **Monetary unit:** 1 US dollar = 100 cents
- **Main exports:** Computers and electrical machinery, vehicles, chemical products, food and live animals, military equipment and aircraft
- **GNI per capita:** US \$43,740 (World Bank, 2006)
- **Internet domain:** .us
- **International dialing code:** +1