

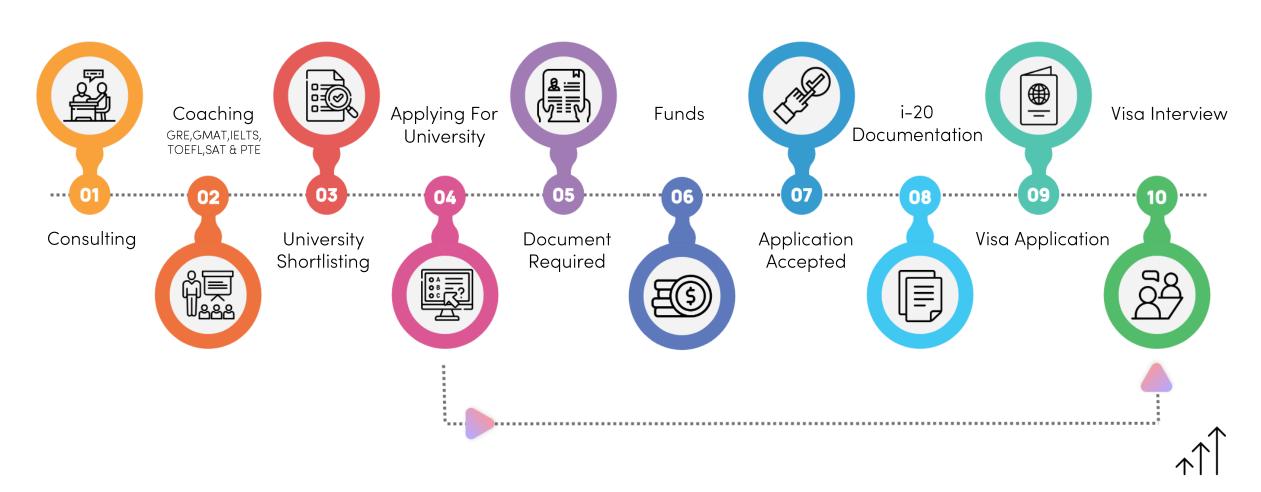
Map of The United States





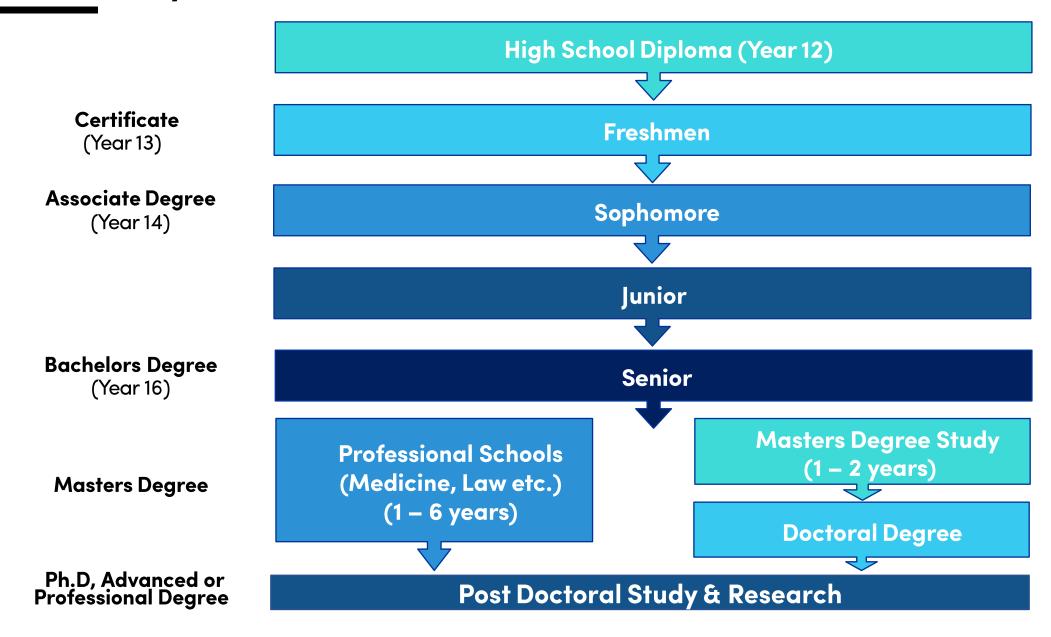


USA Process Flow



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Education System in US





Type of Degrees offered

In the United States, Students with Bachelor's degree may apply directly into Doctoral program without first earning master's degree in few majors.

1 Associate Degree

Academic Degree of 2 years is awarded by Community Colleges. Completion of associate degree can lead to transfer to the remaining 2 years Bachelors Degree in high ranked university having an articulated agreement with the community college.

Nasters Degree

The duration generally for all the master's course is of 2 years. Common examples of master degree are Masters of Arts (MA), Masters of Science (MS), Masters of Engineering (MEng), Masters of Business Administration. But for courses like Masters in Management, MEng. Degrees, LLM etc. the duration may be of one year.

10 Bachelors Degree

It is Commonly known as Undergraduate Degree and the duration is of 4 years. For Ex: Bachelor of Arts (B. A.) or Bachelor of Science(B.S.)

Doctorate

Commonly known as Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). Duration may range from 3–5 years. Ph.D. students need to submit a research proposal as well as must appear Standardized Test i.e. GRE/GMAT and TOEFL/IELTS for admission.



Time Schedule for USA - Fall Intake

- → Coaching: June, July, August
- → Self Study & appear for GRE/GMAT/SAT: September
- → Results: October
- → Start application procedure: October
- → Fall Intake deadlines commence: November onwards till May
- \rightarrow I-20's (Offer Letter): March to June
- \rightarrow Visas: May to July
- \rightarrow Fly to US: Mid August



Time Schedule for USA- Spring Intake

- \rightarrow Coaching: Dec, Jan, Feb
- → Self Study & appear for GRE/GMAT/SAT: March
- → Results: April
- → Start Application procedure: April
- → Spring Intake deadlines commences: July onwards till October
- → I-20's (Offer Letter): October to December
- → Visas: November to December
- \rightarrow Fly to the U.S: January



Graduate Counseling





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Entry criteria for Masters program

Requirements

- US universities accepts 16 years of education (12+4).B.E., B. Tech, Bachelor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Physiotherapy.
- Academic Percentage: 58% and above with minimum backlogs.
- Acceptable scores of Standardized Tests : GRE : 300+, GMAT : 500+, TOEFL : 79, IELTS : 6.5 overall band.
- Other factors that are looked in are the extra curricular activities that the student has been involved in, the research that the student has done in his subject. His documents such as Resume, Letters of Recommendation & Statement of Purpose are also very crucial and must be drafted very effectively.

The universities highlighted below receive a high volume of applications every intake hence, in addition to meeting the standardized test requirements it is very crucial to take care of other application materials viz. SOP, LORs, and, extra and co-curricular activities.



University of Cincinnati



Northeastern University



Arizona State University



Entry criteria for Masters program

Exceptions

- → 15 (12+3) years are also acceptable for some of the Universities if the Institution in India is NAAC "A" Accredited (National Assessment & Accreditation Council).
- → 3 years of Bachelors degree acceptable for admissions into Masters for Computer Science, MBA & Public Health courses & in other programs through Pathway with few universities.
- → Admissions without GRE/GMAT scores possible with several universities.
- → Students with less TOEFL/IELTS can get admission through Pathway or English as second language program.

Below highlighted are high-ranked universities which accept 3-year Bachelors degree.













Standardized Exams

For Master's Programs







GRE Vs GMAT

	GRE	GMAT
FULLFORM	Graduate Record Examination	Graduate Management Admissions Test
CONDUCTED BY	Education Testing Services	Graduate Management Admission Council
TEST STRUCTURE	 Analytical Writing(0-6) Verbal Reasoning(130-170 scale) Quantitative Reasoning(130-170 marks) Combined score: 260 - 340 	 Analytical Writing(0-6) Integrated Reasoning(1-8) Verbal Reasoning(0-60 scale) Quantitative Reasoning(0-60 scale) Combined score: 200 – 800
LENGTH	3 hours 45 mins	3 hours 7 mins
FEE STRUCTURE	\$205	\$250
ADDITIONAL SCORE REPORTING	\$27 per recipient	\$35 per recipient
MISCELLANEOUS	Can be taken once every 21 days and up to 5 times in a year.	Can be taken once every 16 days and up to 5 times in a year.



Undergraduate Counseling





Arts











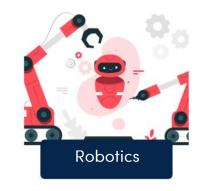














Entry criteria for Undergraduate programs

Requirements

- US generally requires 12 years of education for Associate Degree and Bachelors Degree
- Academic Percentage : 58% and above.
- Acceptable Scores: TOEFL 71 to 80, IELTS 6.0
- SAT: A good score would be 1150+ (out of 1600)
- Popular universities known for their Undergrad programs:



Baylor University



University Of Nebraska



University Of South Florida



Entry criteria for Undergraduate programs

Applications for Transfer students

- The students who are doing Bachelors in India can go to USA as transfer cases. The number of credits which the students can expect to get transferred varies with the Universities.
- \rightarrow Admissions without SAT scores are possible however, it is recommended for Scholarships.
- → Note: It is advised to students who have done their Diploma (3 years) to get their credentials evaluated (can be through WES <u>www.wes.org</u>), since there are high chances that the student might get few transfer credits, thus saving him the cost, time & effort of repeatedly studying the subjects that he has already done. For Bachelors program SAT is not required for transfer cases.
- → US has many options for students with average profile. Below highlighted are community colleges which admit students with >60% in Grade 12 and 5.5 overall IELTS score





Seattle Central College



Skyline College







Standardized Exams

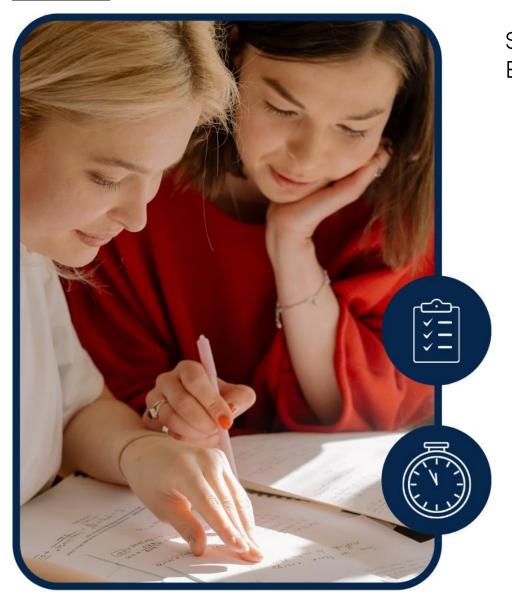
For Bachelor's Programs







SAT- Scholastic Aptitude Test (http://www.collegeboard.org/)



SAT – 1600 Marks Time Duration : 3 hours (plus 50 minutes for the Essay [optional

- Evidence-based- Reading Test
 Writing and Language Test -800 marks
- Maths 800 marks
- Essay (optional) on a scale of 2 to 8
- Conducted by -College Board
- Validity of score- 5 years
- Exam Fee- \$ 113.5 with Essay and \$ 98.5 without Essay
- Centers Hyderabad, New Delhi, Nagpur, Bangalore,
 Chennai, Cochin, Kodaikanal, Kolkata, Mumbai, Mussoorie,
 Pune, Raipur etc.

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SAT Exam is **conducted** four times a year (MAR/MAY/OCT/DEC)

ACT – American College Testing (http://www.act.org)

- The ACT is a standardized achievement test for College and University admissions in the
- United States produced by ACT, Inc.
- Composite score on a range of 36 & sub-scores ranges from 1 to 18.
- Test duration 3 hours 40 min (English -45 minutes, Mathematics-60 minutes, Reading 35 minutes, Science- 35 minutes, Optional Writing 30 minutes)
- Test conducted 5 times a year in the months of September, October, December, April and June.
- Scores received after 5 weeks of the test dates can be reported till coming Thursday after the test date
- The ACT Test fee with No Writing option is \$150
- The ACT Plus Writing Test fee is \$166.5
- Additional Scores Reporting: \$13 per test date per report.



ACT vs SAT

	SAT	ACT
FULLFORM	Scholastic Aptitude Test	American College Test
CONDUCTED BY	College board	ACT Incorporation
TEST STRUCTURE	MathReadingWriting and LanguageEssay (Optional)	 Math Reading English Science Essay (Optional)
LENGTH	 3 hours (without essay) 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)	 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay) 3 hours, 40 minutes (with essay)
FEE STRUCTURE	\$ 113.50 with Essay \$ 96.50 without Essay	\$ 166.50 With Essay \$ 150 Without Essay
TIME LIMIT	154 Questions in 180 Mins	215 Questions in 175 Mins



Guess which University..??





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Total Cost for 2 yrs. Masters in U.S

Tuition Fees (2 years)	(Rs) 28,00,000	1USD = 69INR 40,579
Living Cost (2 years)	14,00,000	20,289
Total	42,00,000	60,868
Less Part Time Earnings/RA/TA/CPT)	14,00,000	20,289
Net Cost	28,00,000	40,579
Assistantship/Scholarships	Yes	
Nature of Part Time Jobs	On campus 20 hrs per week	
Money to be spent by student	28,00,000	40,579



Financial Aid available while doing Masters in US

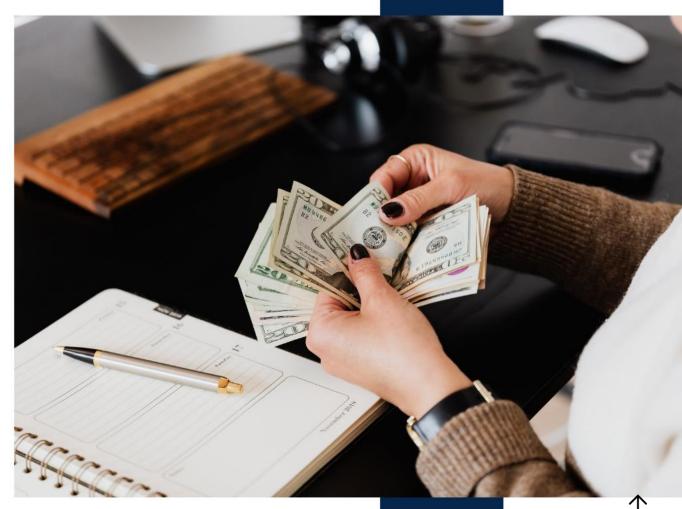
Tuition Fee waiver in form of Assistantships

- Research Assistantship
- Teaching Assistantship
- Graduate Assistantship

Part Time Jobs (On Campus)

 NOTE: There are even options that offer work study programs wherein the University allows the student to work full time even during his classes. Classes are held in the evening or on week ends & the student works full time during the day.

These options are particularly good for students with low budgets.



Total Cost per annum for Bachelors in the U.S

Tuition Fees (1 year)	(Rs) 15,00,000	(1USD =69NR) 23,188
Living Cost (1 year)	12,00,000	17,391
Total	27,00,000	40,579
Less Part Time Earnings (On Campus employment / Off Campus CPT)	5,00,000	7,246
Net Cost	22,00,000	31,884
Assistantship/Scholarships	Yes	
Nature of Part Time Jobs	On campus 20 hours each week	
Money to be spent by student per annum	22,00,000	31,884

Financial Aid available while doing Bachelors in US

Scholarships are available for students intending to study Bachelors from USA.

- There are two types of Scholarships Need Based and Merit Based.
 - We work for Universities which offer Merit Based scholarships.
 - Most of the Universities require SAT for Merit Based scholarships.





Types of Employment available to F-1 Students while studying or after studies

- On-Campusmployment
- Off Off-Campusloyment through
 - Curriculam Practical Training (CPT)
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)





On – Campus Employment:

- Can work on campus 20 hrs./week during study time
- Can work full time (i.e. 40 hrs./week) during holidays Positions include:
 - Teaching Assistantship
 - Research Assistantship
 - Fellowship
 - Hourly Employment- Food Services, Library,
 - Event Coordinator, Laboratory Assistant, etc.



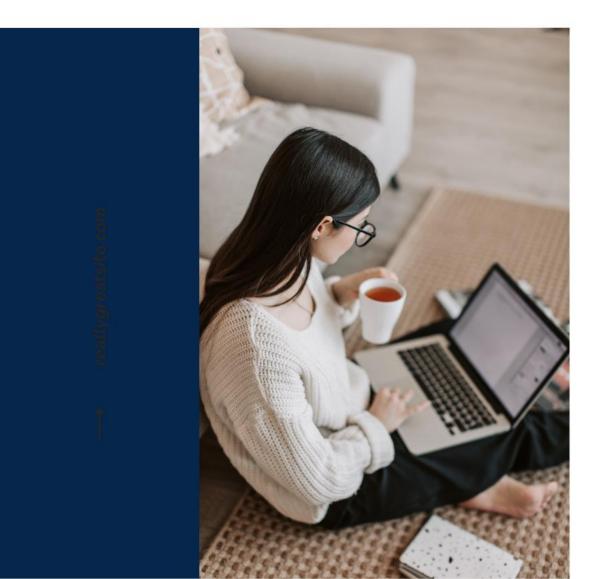




Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

- Provides an opportunity to gain actual employment experience.
- "An integral part of an established curriculum".
- Defined as "alternate work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum which is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school."
- To be eligible for CPT, student must have completed 9 months in lawful status and currently be on F-1 status.
- CPT can be full time (>20 hours week) or part time (20 hours or less per week).





Optional Practical Training (OPT):

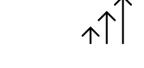
- Available to students who are lawfully enrolled on a full time basis & have completed at least 1 full academic year.
- Eligible student may request OPT in order to be employed in a position related to the major area of study.
- 12/36 months of OPT available after each degree level completion



- From 2008, OPT program allows F-1 students to work in the US in occupations related to their field of study.
- F-1 visa holders are eligible for 24-month extension if they hold a degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM).

Summarization of OPT

Students who have pursued STEM Degree in US get an opportunity to spend 36 months in US after their study. During this 36 months they can work full time on student visa and if the employer sponsor's H1B they can convert their student visa into work visa. This period of 36 months is reduced to 12 months in case of students who have done management studies in US. This benefit is available under the scheme called Optional Practical Training (OPT).



Top MNC's with their Head-quarters in US





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Sponsors and Acceptable Funds

Self Funded - Parents.

- Balance in saving account in Scheduled Public/Private/MNC Banks.
- Balance in saving account/monthly income scheme/recurring deposit in Post Office.
- Fixed Deposits (FDR) with banks.
- Withdrawable balance in PPF, GPF, EPF or CMPF.
- Loans from nationalized banks or private sector banks. A guarantor may be required. Interest rates are low and repayment begins 12 months after graduation.



Guess the US Universities they have studied for these famous personalities...??





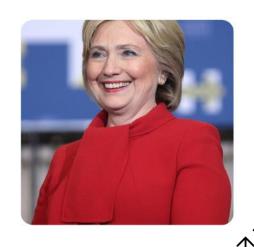








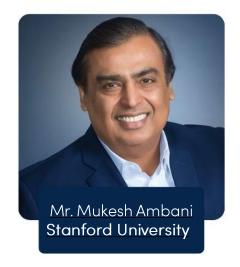




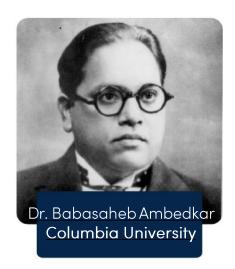
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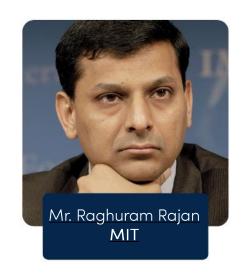


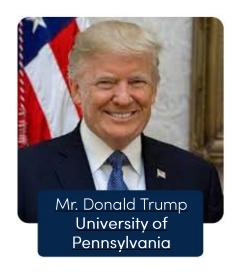


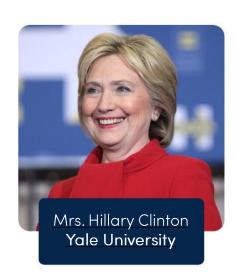
















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