

STUDYING IN THE USA, AN UPWARD TREND THAT CONTINUES TO GROW YEAR AFTER YEAR

Parents and students around the world ask themselves daily which is the best option: studying at a domestic university or studying at a university abroad? What are the benefits of studying abroad? Will I be able to earn a scholarship? Will an education in my home country or in the United States be better?

These are only a few of the many questions that arise during the processing of choosing the best path for universities studies and for a professional career. If you want to be one of the more than 650,000 international students who, each year, decides to move to the United States in order to start or continue his or her university studies, you probably have many questions in your head. And, despite your search for answers, you are unable to find answers that completely satisfy your curiosity, and you are unable to clearly see the path that is best for you.

In order to ease your doubts, we have taken the liberty of responding to your questions, and we are even including personal testimonials from a few of our students:

Why study abroad?

The principal incentives motivating students to study abroad are personal development and the desire for better professional opportunities. Employers highly value skills such as independence, communication, tolerance, and cultural consciousness, and, according to advisor Martin Tillman of Johns Hopkins University Career Center, all these skills are acquired while spending time abroad. In order to stand out nowadays, it is not only necessary to have a college degree, but companies are also looking for personnel with an open mind and excellent interpersonal skills, skills that are developed while studying outside one's place of origin.

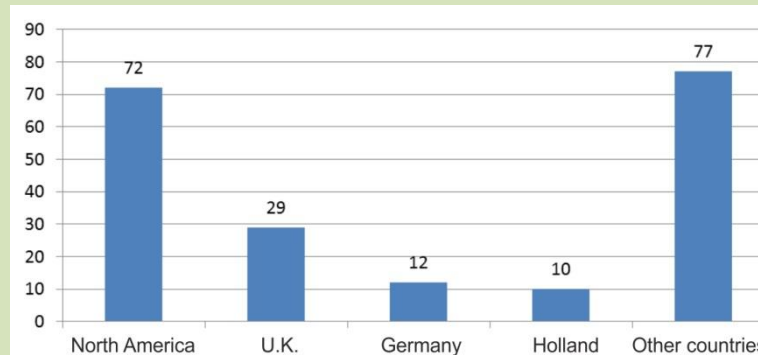
Study in Italy or in the United States?

Its cultural richness and its diverse society have made the United States one of the most desired destinations for those studying abroad. Most importantly, the superior American education is considered one of the most prestigious and internationally well-known in the world.

Many multinational or large corporations recognize the importance of having an academic degree earned from a university in the United States.

In fields of study such as Business, Medicine, and Technology, American universities are considered among the best in the world.

Each year, an average of 5% of the students enrolling in U.S. colleges and universities hail from more than 90 different countries from around the planet. For this reason, American universities have developed an interesting multicultural atmosphere, and the majority of these universities offer, as a basic student service, special attention for their foreign students.



DISTRIBUTION PER COUNTRY OF THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

What benefits will studying abroad bring me?

From an academic point of view, American universities use diverse teaching methods that allow the student to develop a wide range of practical abilities. The case study method, for example, consists of studying real situations from various companies or corporations that are to be analyzed by the student, relating theory to actual work experience. In addition, the academic and professional level of the professors is crucial. Most of them hold doctorate degrees in their specific field, and many of them serve as consultants to major firms and to business and industry leaders. In fact, many of these professors offer counsel to and even hold positions in the highest spheres of the government. However, most of them work as full-time professors, enabling them to establish a careful and delicate relationship with their students.

At American Universities, extracurricular activities are very important, and students are motivated to simultaneously develop their athletic and extracurricular abilities parallel to their studies. In fact, many youth from around the world studying at American universities discover the possibility to develop their athletic abilities, or abilities in any other discipline that may interest students, a possibility to mix academics with other activities that may not exist in their own home countries.

Is it advantageous to study abroad?

Studying abroad leads to a deep cultural learning, from sharing classes with people from many different nationalities to speaking a different language and from eating different kinds of foods to confronting an entirely different culture altogether. This confrontation with another culture ultimately leads to a personal growth that, for any person, is much more important than the growth that any academic or professional endeavor might ever achieve.

Actually, especially in multinational companies, these qualities in employees are highly valued as these companies employ people of distinct cultures from various countries around the world. It is this type of employee who, already armed with a global perspective, is highly recruited by many multinational companies. These employers recognize the abilities that are acquired while studying abroad: a student becomes identified as informed, self-assured, self-sufficient, and capable of rapidly learning and adapting

to changing conditions. Choosing to study abroad stands out on a student's resume and augments the possibilities to achieve his or her desired position.

Will I be able to earn a scholarship?

There are different types of assistance, scholarships, and financial aid programs, from both public and private institutions, that can help facilitate your studies abroad. Although studying in the United States may, in some cases, appear to be costly, it certainly has its added value: the expectation of earning a better salary in the long run. In reality, the decision to study abroad functions as a long-term investment; the quality of the education and studies is a good indicator of earning potential and the type of job from which graduates may choose in a globalized world, a world in which the best companies increasingly value those abilities one acquires through studying abroad.

Which is better: an Italian or an American Education?

The United States is renowned for its prestigious universities and outstanding institutions of higher learning. American universities are academic centers that are well endowed with state-of-the-art technological and sports facilities and ample libraries that function as true fountains of information for students. In addition, arguably the most unique aspect of the American university is the campus. More specifically, campuses are like small cities within cities and consist of intercommunicated buildings, a privileged zone that offers comfort and security to university students. The university environment in the United States can be a valuable and gratifying experience.

What paperwork needs to be done in order to study in the United States?

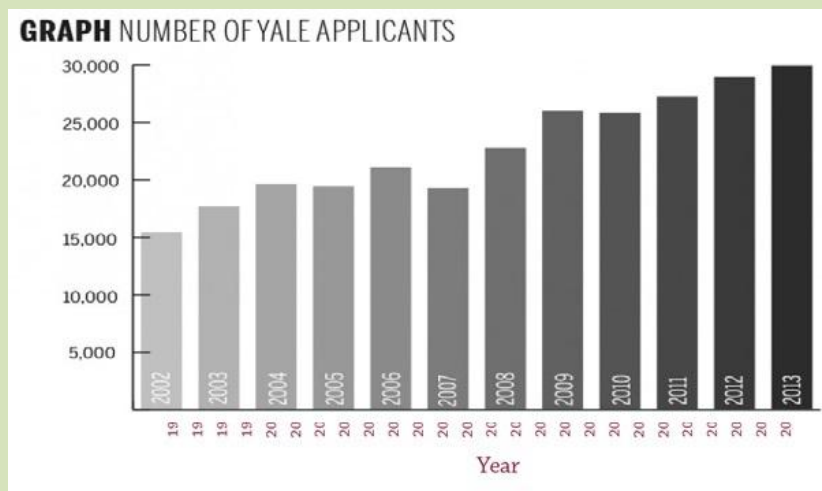
Applying to an American university can be a big headache. The amount of required paperwork can seem endless, and the time in which to collect the documents is extremely limited. In addition, some of the required documents are not commonly used in Europe, such as the SAT I and II, TOEFL, GED, etc. This, in effect, causes even more confusion and frustration during the application process, making this a complicated and drawn-out process, to say the least.

Which countries receive the most foreign students?

The United States receives the highest number of students from around the world, some 650,000 per year. These figures have changed in the past few years: some countries have assumed the lead and surpassed others, as is the case of Germany or France, both fighting to distance themselves from England, Australia, Japan, Canada, and Italy. However, the United States and its universities remain at the head of the class, so to speak. For example, we only have to mention Yale, one of the prestigious Ivy League universities, as it received a record 29,790 applications for the Class of 2017! In fact, the majority of universities in the Ivy League have also registered increases in applications. Recently, Columbia announced that it had received 33,460 applications for the upcoming year. The number of applications for the more prestigious universities have doubled and even tripled in the last decade. This massive increase can easily be explained by the great interest of families all around the world to be more acceptable to the leading universities of the United States.



INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITIES



The most popular destinations chosen by our students in the past few years:

There is nothing more effective than having real testimonies from students and athletes in order to erase doubts and to answer the questions that parents and students ask themselves when they are faced with making one of the most, if not the most important, decisions of their lives:

Peter Rodrigues: CFA Barclays Bank. Duke University – Bachelor’s degree, Political Science & Economics, MBA at INSEAD

After having spent many years playing tennis around the world, my parents decided that I should use my athletic abilities to obtain the best education possible. My father is Portuguese, and my mother is North American.



I am a mixture of both. Thanks to the comprehensive advice and the development of a precise career plan by America International, I now have a job that allows me to not only contribute to the betterment of society, but it allows me the possibility to enjoy each moment.

Mohamed el Tombari: Student at Princeton University



I am an Egyptian-Canadian student that has always wanted to stand out academically and athletically. I have lived in various countries such as Dubai, Qatar and Switzerland, where I studied and played tennis for the last three years of high school. I had many concerns about how to continue progressing in both areas, but neither my family nor I knew how to proceed. At the international school where I was studying, there were no resources that could help me define a clear route. They could only offer me basic counsel from an academic point of view.

We became familiar with A. I. through a presentation at my club, the Country Club of Geneva, and, through their advice, we were able to map out the exact career plan to achieve my goals. After spending time preparing for the SAT, America International helped me through its programs with Harvard-trained professors. The university visits in the United States helped me to achieve the necessary results in order to access the best universities in the United States. Currently, I am studying engineering at Princeton.

After a detailed analysis of my situation, I had the opportunity to be admitted to Babson College, a university that offers the best undergraduate entrepreneurial studies in the world. The success of a brilliant career begins, in every case, with planning and exhaustive preparation, something that I achieved thanks to America International.

Roberto Perez Oliveira: Estudiante en Babson College.

After finishing my studies at Boston University, I decided, along with America International, to continue my studies in the U.K. with an MBA at Cambridge.

We consider it a certainty that the aforementioned issues deserve to be carefully pondered and analyzed. In the times in which we live, our children's future will depend on the university in which they choose to study.



Carlotta Nassi a student from Livorno (Toscana), is scheduled to join Queens University (Charlotte, North Carolina) in August 2014 where the tennis coach is waiting for her with open arms. Queens has an excellent reputation and offers unmatched internships and employment opportunities in the banking sector. It is not in vane that Charlotte is the second most important financial center in the United States behind Wall Street in New York City.



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Why choose America International?

Since 1992, America International (AI) has worked with students and athletes from around the world. Throughout the years, we have accumulated valuable experience which has served the thousands of clients who have entrusted us to help them make one of the most important decisions of their lives: to study in the United States and to receive the best education possible which will allow them develop to their full intellectual and athletic potential. In order to stand out in an ever-globalizing and competitive world, this personal development, which allows our clients to reach vital objectives and stand out socially, is essential and can only be achieved through the best and most exclusive academic training.

Since its founding, America International, with notable success, has managed the admissions of more than 4,300 aspiring students, from distinct parts of the world, to the most exclusive universities in the United States such as Princeton, Stanford, Cornell, Berkeley, Georgetown, Duke, Babson, and Georgia Tech, among many others.

At America International, we offer you many distinct programs: we manage athletic and academic scholarships; we organize visits to the best universities in the United States; we offer a platform for English learning called Drive English that permits a personalized learning experience with Harvard-trained teachers; we offer summer programs, such as the Boston Summer Camp, for students and athletes; and we manage the stay of students opting to attend High School in the U.S. Most importantly, with our customized programs, we adapt to the specific needs of our clients, and you decide what interests you.

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