THE US EXPERIENCE

Studying, Research and Internships in the United States of America
Why study in the US

- Wide array of options
- Flexibility
- Not just academic study
- Internationalize your CV
- Opportunity to travel to the US
Differences to expect

- Teaching and classroom styles
- On-campus life and opportunities
- Ranking system
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement

Study In USA
Some interesting figures

### Top 5 Undergraduate Institutions

1. Clemson University
2. New York University
3. University of Cincinnati
4. University of Pennsylvania
5. Saint Leo University

### Top 5 Graduate Institutions

1. New York University
2. Harvard University
3. Stanford University
4. Columbia University
5. University of California - Berkeley

### Belgian Students — By Level

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Belgium - US Student Mobility 2001 - 2009

US: Study in Belgium
Belgium: Study in US
Types of institutions

- Public (or State) Universities
- Private Universities
- Community Colleges (also called junior colleges or two-year colleges)
Undergraduate (Bachelor) vs. Graduate Study

- **Undergraduate Education**
  - 4 years directly after High School (Lycée).
  - End result = a bachelors degree (B.A. or B.S.)

- **Graduate Education**
  - Higher degrees taken after completion of a bachelors degree (MBA, Ph.D, J.D., M.D., etc.)
12 to 18 months before you want to go to the USA:

- Evaluate your motivation and objectives.
- Choose 5 to 10 universities.
- Determine what is required for each application (tests, essays, letters of recommendation, etc).
- Register for required tests (TOEFL, IELTS, etc).
- Note all deadlines on a calendar.
How to choose a program?

- Accredited?
- Size?
- Location?
- Number of international students?
- Majors offered?
- Cost?
Choose the right program

- Thousands of accredited universities in the USA, take time to find the right one.

- Consult [www.fulbright.be](http://www.fulbright.be) and/or visit the Commission’s Advising Center. University catalogs, reference books, test registration bulletins and preparation materials are available.

- Visit the websites of the universities.

- Contact 5 to 10 different universities.
Accreditation

- Chea [www.chea.org/search](http://www.chea.org/search)
English tests

- $225
- Brussels, Luxembourg, Paris, Arnhem
- Reading, listening, break, speaking, writing (4.5 hours)
- [http://www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)

- €185
- Accepted by many but not all universities
- Listening (30min), Reading (1h), Speaking (11-14min), Writing (1h)
- [http://www.britishcouncil.org/brussels-exams-ielts.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/brussels-exams-ielts.htm)
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Dates to remember

- **12 to 18 months before departure:**
  Evaluate your reasons

- **June - September**
  Select 5 or 6 universities on the basis of their programs, degrees offered, accreditation, level of selectivity, cost, location and size

- **July - August**
  Find out which standardized tests are required

- **August - September**
  Write to 5 or 6 universities to request application forms for admission and financial aid.

- **October - February**
  Prepare transcripts and literal translations , certified at the Commission
  Have professors send recommendation letters
  Send applications to universities **well in advance** of deadlines

- **February - April**
  Wait for letters from the universities.

- **March - April**
  Contact universities to which you have applied, but not yet received a response.

- **April - June**
  Accept /Decline offers from other universities where you were also accepted. Contact housing department and international student office.
Education USA – State Dept website
GRADUATE
Graduate Education

- Master’s degrees
  Typically 2 years in length

- Doctoral degrees (PhD’s)
  Typically 4-6 years in length
TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, GMAT

- Required for admission
- Computer vs Paper Based
- Obtain registration bulletins
- Information on websites
- Borrow test prep book
Entrance Exams

**GRE**
Graduate Record Exam
- For admission to Graduate Schools (except Law and Business programs)
- Subject-specific tests required for certain programs
- [http://www.ets.org/gre](http://www.ets.org/gre)

**GMAT**
Graduate Management Admission Test
- For admission to Business Schools
- [http://www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)

**LSAT**
- For admission to Law Schools
- [http://www.lsat.com](http://www.lsat.com)
1. Choose 5-10 universities & prepare the applications for each one.

2. Determine which tests are needed to apply & take them (TOEFL, GRE, GMAT).

3. Look for financial support.
How to finance your studies

1. Personal funding
2. Loan from a bank
3. Fellowship from U.S. university
   - Research assistantship
   - Teaching assistantship
   - Work Study (20 hrs/wk)
4. Scholarship from another organizations
   - Fulbright
   - BAEF
   - Rotary
   - Etc.
FULBRIGHT GRANTS
Mission
"to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people of other countries"

former Senator J. William Fulbright

Be an ambassador of Belgium to the US
Since 1946:
- More than 300,000 Fulbrighters from over 155 countries have participated
- More than 189,000 foreign nationals have gone to the United States for study, teaching, lecturing or research
- More than 101,000 Americans have gone abroad

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For Fulbright Grant

- Study
- Conduct Research
How to apply?

- Preliminary Application
- Provide letter of acceptance
- Final Online Application
- Print + Send 3 letters of rec
- Interview
- Notification
Who can receive a scholarship?

- Students, Researchers, Lecturers
- Mid-career journalists
- Language teaching assistants
- Secondary school teachers
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Grants for General Studies

- Fulbright Awards
- BOAS Scholarship
- Ambassador Fox Award
- University of Chicago Alumni Award
- Columbia Club of Belgium Award
- Dorothy Deflandre Award
- Fulbright Alumni Association Award
- Harvard Club of Belgium Scholarship
Grants for Law Students (LLM)

- Allen & Overy Award
- Baker & McKenzie Scholarship
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Liedekerke, Wolters, Waelbroeck & Kirkpatrick Award
- Linklaters De Bandt Award
- Loyens & Loeff Luxembourg Award
- Stibbe Scholarship

Note: only for students who have attended law school in Belgium
Grants for MBA

- Ambassador Blinken Award
- McKinsey Scholarship
- J.P. Morgan Award
- S.W.I.F.T. Award
Welcome to Fulbright Belgium

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