VISA INFORMATION

If you are studying abroad for a semester or more, you will likely need a student visa. We've created the table below as a reference point, but please keep in mind that each nation sets its own policies for students, which they may change at any time.

- Costs are **estimates** and may vary due to currency exchange rates, individual factors, and updated policies.
- The "Processing Time or Application Window" refers to the amount of time the Consulate will need to process your visa, and **does not account for time spent preparing applications**, gathering documents, or transit via mail. Some countries may not let you submit your application more than 90 days before you travel, but **you should begin to prepare your visa application well in** advance.
- If your visa requires an in-person appointment, you will need to appear in person at a consulate, often in Atlanta, Washington D.C., or another major metropolitan area. **Check appointment availability in advance so you may plan your travel.**
- Don't hesitate to contact the Global Engagement Office if you have questions about the visa process for your host country.

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE — BUREAU of CONSULAR AFFAIRS has gathered up-to-date information about traveling to all destinations as a U.S. citizen. Learn More here.

Country	**Costs**	**Processing Time or Application window**	**More Information****
			**Information is subject to change*
Australia	1,600 AUD (About 1080 USD)	1-4 months	Subclass 500 Student Visa
Austria	60 EUR (About 65 USD)	1-3 months	*Requires an in-person appointment Visa C or Visa D Information
Belgium	180 EUR (About 195 USD)	2-6 weeks	*Requires an in-person appointment Visa D Information
Botswana	$30 – 150 USD	1 month	Visa Requirements Citizens of the United States of America do not require a visa to enter Botswana
Bulgaria	100 BGN (About 55 USD)	1-2 months	*Requires an in-person appointment Visa for Bulgaria Visa applications for D visas have to be submitted in person after making an appointment at the Bulgarian consulate in charge of the US state of your official residence.
Canada	150 CAN (About 110 USD)	2-3 months	*Most study permit applicants need to provide a provincial attestation letter (PAL) or territorial attestation letter (TAL) Study Permit
Chile	160 USD	1-2 months	Students from state-recognized establishments

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China	140 USD +	1 month	Requirements & Procedures Applicants can fill out the China Online Visa Application (COVA) form online and then must submit hard copies of their application documents to the corresponding Embassy or Consulate-General.
China-Hong Kong	230 HKD (About 30 USD)	6 weeks	* Requires sponsorship by the school; see CUHK or City U sites for more information. Student Visa
Costa Rica	$50-250 USD (varies dependent on length of stay)	3 months	How to apply for a student visa and residency permit
Cyprus	70 EUR (About 75 USD)	1-3 months	VISAS Application & Process Requirements
Czech Republic	2,500 CZK (About 104 USD)	60 days	*Requires an in-person appointment Student Visa
Denmark	255 EUR (About 260 USD)	2 months	*Requires an in-person appointment Student Permit Higher Education programs (How to apply) Initiated by the host university
Estonia	100 EUR (About 110 USD)	1 – 2 months	*Requires an in-person appointment Visa Guide
Finland	350 EUR (About 380 USD; paper applications are 450 EUR – About 488 USD)	2-3 months (online applications) 3 months (paper applications)	*In-person appointments and online requirements Residence Permits to Finland Guide for students
France	$270 or $430 depending on the application type and service chosen, visa application fee is approximately $55	3+ Weeks	*Requires VFS Global In-person appointment. Student Visa Guidelines 24-25
Germany	75 EUR (About 80 USD)	1-3 months	*Visa requires in-person appointment; Schengen visas including airport transit Apply for a Visa
Ghana	$60 + depending on visa type and validity	1 month	Visa Application
Greece	90 EUR (About 100 USD)	1-2 months	*Requires an in-person appointment General information
India	$100 (varies)	1-2 months	May choose to submit via mail or in-person. Student Visa Onboarding & FRRO
Ireland	Single entry: 60 EUR Multi entry: 100 EUR	Around 8 weeks from the date of application	Visit Ireland How to apply for a long-term study visa You will likely not need a visa but will need to prepare for border control and registration
Italy	50-70 USD	1-3 weeks	*Requires an in-person appointment Visa for Italy

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Japan	$22-43 USD	6- 8 weeks, up to 12	*Visa requirements are based on the length of stay & may require an in-person appointment Visiting Japan Visa (COE holders)
Malaysia	RM 1,000 – 2,000 (About 230 – 450 USD)	4-6 weeks	Study in Malaysia
Malta	100 EUR & 100 VFS fee (About 217 USD)	4-9 weeks	Identita – Further Information
Morocco	40+ USD	1 month	Ordinary Visa – Student
Netherlands	174 EUR (About 190 USD)	2-3 months	Applying for a long-stay visa (MVV) for residents of the United States *In most cases the host university will have to submit the application to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (NSD)
New Zealand	375 NZD (about 215 USD)	1-3 months	Exchange Student Visa
Peru	15 – 30 USD	1+ months	*Requires an in-person appointment. Requirements for a student visa Consulate General of Peru Atlanta International Students can enter Peru on a Tourist visa and after entering the country, are required to change their immigration status to Student at Peru's Immigration Office
Poland	80 EUR (about 90 USD)	1 month	*Requires an in-person appointment at the Embassy of Poland in Washington DC Visas – General Information Embassy & Consulates
Portugal	90 EUR (About 100 USD)	1-3 months	*Requires an in-person appointment Apply for a visa
South Africa	About 47 USD	4 – 8 weeks	*Requires an in-person appointment South African Study Permit
South Korea	$45	2 – 10 weeks	*You may submit your visa application in person (online appointment required) or by mail. Visa Navigator
Spain	$160	4 – 8 weeks	*Requires an in-person appointment Study stays of less than 90 days do not require a study visa. Student Visa
Sweden	1,500 SEK (about 140 USD)	1 – 3 months	Residence permits for studies in higher education
Switzerland	90 to 225 EUR (About 100 – 245 USD)	2-4 months	*May require an in-person interview but appointments and applications can be made online Swiss Visa desk in Atlanta
Taiwan	185 USD	1 week	There is no "Student Visa" in Taiwan. Instead, Taiwan offers 2 types of Visa for foreign students: 1. Visitor Visa 2. Resident Visa

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			If you are going to stay less than 6 months, you should apply for the visitor visa. If your program is longer than 6 months, you will need to apply for the resident visa. *May require an in-person interview Study in Taiwan
Tanzania	50 – 250 USD (Dependent on category & duration)	1-2 months	Tanzania eVisa *May require an in-person drop-off
Turkey	50,000-55,000 PKR (About 180 – 200 USD)	1-3 months	*May require an in-person interview; you must apply in person at your nearest Turkish embassy or consulate Visa Pre-Application
UK	Dependent on visa type (490 pounds to apply for a student visa from outside the UK, about 636 USD) + ETA 16 pounds -> about 20 USD	Upon arrival	Check if you need a UK visa Student Visa *Even if you do not need a visa, you will still need to gather appropriate documents to prepare for border control. Since January of 2025, students traveling to the UK are required to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA). Electronic Travel Authorization Information
Uruguay	Dependent of visa type	1 month	U.S. citizens will receive a 90-day tourist visa at customs upon arrival in Uruguay. Student Visa