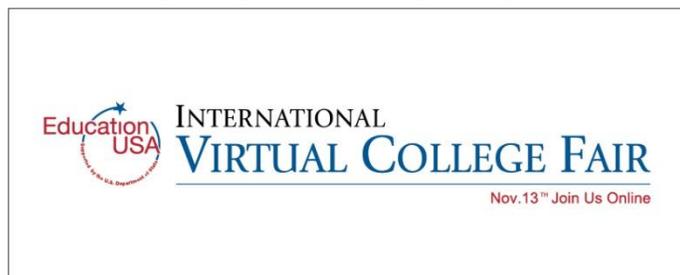


CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK
on **NOVEMBER 13th** with:



A 3 Step Guide to Hosting an Event

12:00 a.m. to 23:59 p.m. EST/5:00 GMT to 4:59 GMT

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Technical Questions??? Contact CollegeWeek Live at:
support@collegeweeklive.com or by calling 1-888-697-0050 or 1-617-938-6000. In addition, on the event website, CollegeWeek Live will also have a booth with an online chat capacity.

1. **PREPARE** for the **November 13th** Event

- Read State cable #104201 (15 Oct 2012), entitled “Promote U.S. Education! Sign Up for the World’s Largest International Virtual College Fair on November 13”
- Visit the [CollegeWeek Live website](#) for the event that has a list of institutions, an agenda and registration information. Register to host or participate in the event.
- Participate in one of four informational webinars on [CO.NX](#) to learn from CollegeWeek Live how the International Virtual College Fair environment will look and run.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 8:00 a.m. EDT/12:00 GMT
 - Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 2:00 p.m. EDT/18:00 GMT
 - Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 9:00 a.m. EDT/13:00 GMT
 - Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 8:00 a.m. EDT/12:00 GMT

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Please ensure your computer’s Flash is updated. This will optimize your Watchitoo viewing experience. To do so, [please click here.](#)” The raw URL for the Flash update is:
<http://www.adobe.com/support/flash/downloads.html>

In the event that you cannot attend any of these sessions live, you can access them on the [CO.NX website](#) at <http://conx.state.gov/ivcf>, where you will need to enter the following password into the prompt (case-sensitive): StudyintheUS

A recorded version can also be accessed on the [IEW package](#) on INFOCENTRAL’s thematic calendar, the [American Spaces](#) site and on the “resources” part of the [EducationUSA](#) website for EducationUSA advisors with log-ons.

- View Online: “[Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study](#)”
 - Not a publication available in print, but if posts/centers have enough bandwidth and a DIN, they can [download](#) the file to produce the CDs or flash drives to give away (password: 5steps)
- Download & print publications (or sections/articles of interest)
 - “[USA Education in Brief](#)” (available as a PDF on IIP Digital)
 - “[If You Want to Study in the United States](#)” (available as PDFs on EducationUSA)
 - eJournals
 1. [See You in the USA](#) (available as PDF)
 2. [Campus Connections](#) (available as PDF)
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 1. [Institutes for the Study of the U.S. Offer Intensive Cultural Experiences](#)
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2. **MARKET** that the “EducationUSA International Virtual College Fair” will be **LIVE** at your center
- Prepare a press release for local media for event promotion
 - Edit and/or print fliers to hang in American Centers, IRCs, and EducationUSA Advising Centers to advertise program date and distribute fliers to visiting students beforehand
 - Social media compatible, customizable, printable PDF fliers are available on the [IEW page](#) on INFOCENTRAL, on the [American Spaces site](#) and in the [EducationUSA “resources”](#) section for EducationUSA advisors with logons.
 - Promote an event “Save the Date” on your Social Media Properties
 - Social Media Toolkit will be available on the [IEW page](#) and on the [American Spaces site](#) on/about October 25
 - Information and announcements will go out on the Social Media Feed starting on/about October 31
 - Place the Event Badge on the Embassy’s website. It will be distributed by CMS to post through webmasters on/about November 7th. This badge will point potential participants to the event registration page.
 - Ask your EducationUSA Advising Centers to email blast prospective students.
 - Register yourself to participate and encourage interested students to register to participate by visiting the [CollegeWeek Live](#) site, regardless of whether you plan to host an event.

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3. **HOST** the **November 13th** event: “EducationUSA International Virtual College Fair”
- Create a sign-in sheet for students to request contact with the local EducationUSA adviser
 - Direct all computers in your center to the [Virtual College Fair \(http://goo.gl/QPUWR\)](http://goo.gl/QPUWR) for students to participate and research particular questions/schools of interest to them.
 - Schedule during the 24 hours is broken down into three periods of activity:

First Segment	12:00 am – 5:00 am EST/ 5:00 – 10:00 GMT	Students can visit institutions’ booths and check out resource material
LIVE PORTION	5:00 am – 7:00 pm EST/ 10:00 – 24:00 GMT	Students can visit institutions’ booths and “meet” with representatives, participate in text and video chats and access resource material
Third Segment	7:00 pm – 11:59 pm EST/ 24:00 – 4:59 GMT	Students can visit institutions’ booths, view recorded video chats, access resource material and review any of the thematic sessions on demand

Can't make any of these sessions or didn't hear about them until after November 13? You can still register and visit the booths to view recorded webchats, access resource material and see the thematic sessions by going to the [CollegeWeek Live](#) website until Sunday, November 18 at 11:59 pm EST/4:59 GMT.

- As a group, or separately, encourage students to watch/listen to one (or all!) of the Online College Fair thematic sessions live, including:
 - Discover U.S. Higher Education with Marty Bennett, Outreach Coordinator, EducationUSA (7-8 am EST/12:00 GMT – 13:00 GMT)
 - International Students Share Their Experiences: International Student Panel moderated by Kevin Barta, U.S. Department of State (8-9 am EST/13:00 – 14:00 GMT)
 - Graduate Admissions and Funding with Alison Merzel, Director, MBA Recruiting and Admissions, Ohio State University (9-10 am EST/14:00 – 15:00 GMT)
 - Undergraduate Admissions and Funding with John Nesbit, Assistant Director, Admissions, Vanderbilt College (10-11 am EST/15:00 – 16:00 GMT)
 - Understanding Community Colleges with Scott Johnson, International Student Advisor, Counseling, Advising & Career Planning, North Hennepin Community College (11-12 pm EST/16:00 – 17:00 GMT)
 - The U.S. Student Visa Process with Nancy McCarthy, Consular Officer, Visa Services Office, U.S. Department of State (12-1pm EST/17:00 – 18:00 GMT)
 - Choosing a U.S. Institution with Cat Young, Associate Director, International Enrollment Services, SUNY Plattsburgh (1-2 pm EST/18:00 –19:00 GMT)
 - Thematic sessions will be available on the CWL site on November 13th immediately after they have concluded and through 11:59 pm EST/4:59 GMT on Sunday, November 18. They will also be available on [EducationUSA](#) at http://www.educationusa.info/fairs/virtual_fair_2012/, as soon as they are provided to ECA.
 - **LOW BANDWIDTH ISSUES?**
 - *The CollegeWeek Live system automatically detects your browser capabilities and switches to the audio option in place of live video streaming.*
 - **MOBILE DEVICE COMPATIBILITY?**
 - *When a Mobile device hits our web-site, they automatically detected as such and moved to our Mobile interface. Mobile Interface has:*
 - *Abbreviated registration*
 - *Full Chat Capabilities*
 - *Access to school information*
- Apps for [iphones](#) (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/college-chat/id557680728?mt=8&uo=2>) and [Androids](#) (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.collegeweeklive.app>) can be downloaded*
- Provide materials to students for further information
 - Download and print publication suggested above

- Handout on ‘Online Resources’ document (Appendix C)
- If the event is not at an EducationUSA Advising Center, let your students know that they can find a center through this searchable map: <http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php>. Here they can meet their Education USA adviser and have more of their questions answered. They can also submit questions via EducationUSA’s site at “[Ask an Adviser](#).”

Additional Programming Ideas: These ideas can be used for events surrounding the International Virtual College Fair either the same day or throughout International Education Week.

- Schedule speaking or Q&A sessions that include:
 - alumni who can speak about their U.S. college application process, their experiences in the U.S. and financing their education
 - a local EducationUSA Adviser to answer questions
 - an Embassy Consular Officer to address the visa process
- Play [video testimonials](#) throughout the event from students in your region (See Appendix A)
- Challenge participants with the “EducationUSA Trivia” quiz to promote their online research and award prizes, as appropriate. (See Quiz and Answer Key in Appendix E)

Not available to host an online event on the 13th? The environment and most information (with the exception of live broadcasts) remain available through the [CollegeWeek Live](#) website until 11:59 on Sunday, November 18. Registration also remains open. After November 18, the seven thematic sessions will be available on [EducationUSA’s YouTube](#) channel.

Websites for more information and program ideas:

- [IIP International Education Week Thematic Calendar Package Page](#)
- [International Education Week Website](#)
- [EducationUSA](#)
- [American Spaces Site](#)

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**Links of Interest by Regions and Topics
(From EducationUSA [YouTube Channel](#))**

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- Student Testimonials
 - [Ethiopia](#)
 - [Zimbabwe](#) & [Zimbabwe](#)
 - [Sierra Leone](#)
 - [South Africa](#)
 - [Kenya](#)
 - [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)
- EducationUSA Advising Centers
 - [Uganda](#)
 - [Zimbabwe](#)
 - [Malawi](#)

EAP:

- Student Testimonials
 - [China](#) & [China](#) & [China](#)
 - [Hong Kong](#)
 - [Vietnam](#)
 - [Mongolia](#)

EUR:

- Student Testimonials
 - [Cyprus](#)
 - [Ukraine](#)
 - [United Kingdom](#)
- EducationUSA Advising Centers
 - [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
 - [Croatia](#)
 - [Cyprus](#)
 - [Czech Republic](#) & [Czech Republic](#)
 - [Czech Republic](#) & [Czech Republic](#)
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- [Russia](#) & [Russia](#)
- [Russia](#) & [Russia](#)
- [Serbia](#)
- [Serbia International Academic Center](#)
- [Serbia CIS College Fair](#)
- [Sweden](#)
- [Turkey](#)

NEA:

- Student Testimonials
 - [Egypt](#) & [Egypt](#)
 - [Jordan](#)
 - [Lebanon](#)
 - [Libya](#)
 - [Tunisia](#)

SCA:

- Student Testimonials
 - [India](#) & [India](#) & [India](#)
 - [Kazakhstan](#)

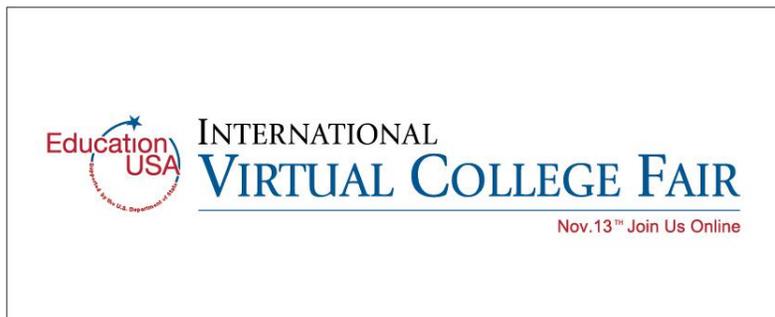
WHA:

- Student Testimonials
 - [Ecuador](#)
 - [Ecuador](#)
 - [El Salvador](#)
 - [Trinidad & Tobago](#)
- EducationUSA Advising Centers
 - [Brazil](#)
 - [Brazil](#)
 - [Uruguay](#)

General Information:

- **Financial Aid**
 - [Undergraduate](#)
 - [Croatia \(Sajam Stipendija 2010\)](#)
 - [Macedonia](#)
 - [Harvard](#)
 - [Vietnamese Students](#)
 - [Turkey](#)
 - [Kazakhstan](#) (Educational Advisor Perspective)
 - [Undergraduate](#) (Spanish-Educational Advisor Perspective)
 - [PostGraduate](#)(Spanish-Educational Advisor Perspective)
- **Community Colleges**
 - [General Info](#) (Student Perspective)
 - [Kyrgyzstan](#) (Student Perspective)
 - [General Info](#) (Educational Adviser Perspective)
 - [General Info](#) (Spanish)
 - [General Info](#) (Representatives from Community Colleges)
- **Visas**
 - [General Info](#) (Student Perspectives)
 - [General Info](#) (Mission Impossible Theme)
 - [Interview Process](#) (US Embassy New Delhi)
 - [General Info](#) (Spanish-Educational Advisor Perspective)
- **Internships/Fulbright**
 - [Internships](#) (Student Perspective)
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EducationUSA International Virtual College Fair FAQs

How to Use CollegeWeekLive's Virtual Environment for Your College Fair

- **How do I search for a college?**
 - Finding a college is easy! Simply use the orange scroll bar to find a college and then click on their logo. If you would like to narrow your search, you can type anything (region, city, major) into the search box on the left of the screen. The colleges that match your criteria will appear. Once again you can scroll and click on their logo to visit their school. For an alphabetical listing of colleges, scroll through the colleges list on the lower left of the screen. Click on the name of the school that you are interested in and you will be taken to that school.
- **How do I chat with a college representative? How do I ask colleges questions?**
 - Once you are at the college that you are interested in speaking to, all you have to do is click on the "Live Chat Go" image in the middle of the booth. Once the chat window opens, you can begin typing your questions! If you have clicked on the image but the chat window is not appearing, please see technical help here ([link to Chat Window not opening ?](#))
- **What kind of questions should I ask the college representative?**
 - You can ask the college representative any questions that you have. If you are not sure, you can click [here](#) for the most frequent questions the reps receive.
- **How do I know when a college is chatting?**
 - To find out which colleges and universities are chatting, click on the Chat Now tab at the top of the screen. You can search for a particular school or scroll down to see which ones are available. Click on the name of the school and you will be taken right to their booth.
- **How do I watch an Expert Presentation or Student Video Chat?**

- To watch an Expert Presentation or Student Video Chat, click on the Presentation tab in the navigation at the top of the page. Scroll down to the presentation that you would like to watch and click on the orange "View Now" button. Once the video appears, you can watch the presentation and type in your questions.

If you have clicked on the button but the video is not appearing, please see technical help [here](#).

- **All of your times are displayed in Eastern Time. How do I find the schedule in my time zone?**
 - To view the complete schedule in your time zone, click on the Chat Now tab in the navigation at the top of the page. Click on the time zone drop down and select the time zone where you are located. The page will automatically update to your time zone.
- **What if I missed a live presentation?**
 - Not to worry, videos are available for two weeks after the live presentation. Go to the presentation tab at the top of the page and scroll down until you find the one you're looking for. Click on the orange "View Now" button and enjoy!

Technical Questions

- **My screen is completely blue. What do I do?**
 - If your screen is completely blue, it means that you do not have Adobe Flash installed on your computer. Please download Adobe Flash here <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>. After you install it, please logout and log back in to CollegeWeekLive.
- **I am trying to watch a video but the window does not open.**
 - If the video screen is not appearing, it means that your pop-up blockers are turned on. You must disable your pop-up blocker in order to watch the videos. Click on the browser that you are using below for instruction on how to turn off your pop-up blocker:
 - **Internet Explorer:**

Version 7.0 or 8.0 - Click the Tools button, and then click Pop-up Blocker. Click "Turn Off Pop-up Blocker"

Version 9.0- Click the Tools button, and then click Internet options. On the Privacy tab, uncheck the Turn on Pop-up Blocker check box, and then click OK.
 - **Mozilla Firefox:**

At the top of the Firefox window, click on the Firefox button (Tools menu in Windows XP) and then click Options. Select the Content panel. Uncheck Block pop-up windows to disable the pop-up blocker altogether. Click OK.
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Click the wrench icon on the browser toolbar. Select Options (Preferences on Mac and Linux; Settings on a Chromebook). Click the Under the Hood tab. Click Content settings in the "Privacy" section. In the "Pop-ups" section, select "Allow all sites to show pop-ups."

- **Safari:**

Click on the Safari menu in the top left corner of your screen and you will see "Block Pop-up windows" Uncheck it to disable it.

I've tried turning off my pop-up blocker but I still cannot see the video.

If your pop-up blockers are turned off and you still cannot see the video screen, please clear your cache and temporary internet files. Once you have done this, please close your browser and reopen it to log back into CollegeWeekLive. Please note - Clearing your cache and temporary internet files will not delete any passwords or settings that you have saved on your computer. Click below for instructions on how to clear your cache and temporary internet files:

- **Internet Explorer:**

Click on Tools at the top of the screen. Under tools, click Internet options. In the general tab, you will see Browsing History, click delete. Make sure Temporary Internet Files is checked and click delete again. After that is complete, close your browser and reopen it again.

- **Mozilla Firefox:**

Click on Tools then select Clear Browsing History. Make sure that cache is checked and click clear now. After that is complete, close your browser and reopen it again.

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Select Options (Preferences on Mac and Linux; Settings on a Chromebook). Click the Under the Hood tab. Click Content settings in the Privacy section. Click Clear Browsing Data. Make sure that Empty the cache is selected and click Clear Browsing Data again. After that is complete, close your browser and reopen it again.

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From the Safari menu, select Reset Safari. From the menu, select the items you want to reset (make sure cache is included) and then click Reset. After that is complete, close your browser and reopen it again

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I have turned off my pop-up blocker and cleared my temporary internet files. Is there anything else I can try?

Please make sure that you do not have a firewall blocking access to the site. You must have unrestricted TCP access to ports 80, 443, 2048 and 1935 on 64.14.86.11, 64.14.86.13 and 64.14.86.14.

I've tried everything and it is still not working.

Please email support@collegeweeklive.com or call us at (888)-697-0050. A customer service representative will be happy to help you.

Scholarship Questions

- **How do I enter to win the \$1,000 CollegeWeekLive Scholarship**
 - All you need to do is register and login to CollegeWeekLive.com. While you are logged in, simply visit the top 3 schools that are you're interested in to complete your entry. After you visit the three colleges, you will automatically be entered to win and hopefully have found the college you want to go to!
- **How do I find information on participating colleges' scholarships?**
 - For a full list of scholarships from participating schools, simply click on the Scholarships tab on the top navigation bar. You can then scroll down to see the different scholarships available from the colleges.

When you see one that you like, click on the school name to go to their booth for more information.

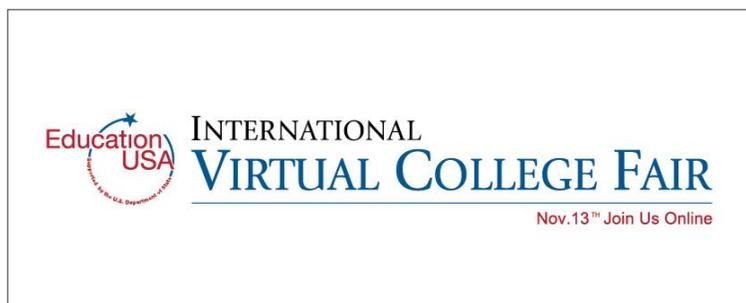
During live chat hours, college representatives will be available to answer any scholarship questions you may have.

- **How will I know if I won the \$1,000 CollegeWeekLive Scholarship?**
 - The winner will be notified by email approximately 1-2 weeks after the scholarship deadline of November 30th has passed.
- **Who is eligible for the \$1,000 CollegeWeekLive Scholarship?**
 - Students between the ages of 14-24 are eligible to win the scholarship. U.S. and Non-U.S. residents are eligible. The scholarship can be used toward any accredited U.S. or Non-U.S. college or university.

Account Questions

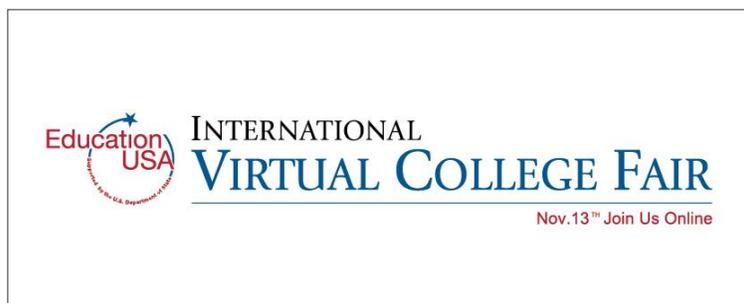
- **How do I change my email address and/or password?**
 - Please email support@collegeweeklive.com or call us at (888)-697-0050. A customer service representative will be available and happy to make the change for you.
- **How do I edit my profile information?**
 - Please email support@collegeweeklive.com or call us at (888)-697-0050. A customer service representative will be available and happy to make the change for you.
- **How do I delete my account?**
 - Please email support@collegeweeklive.com or call us at (888)-697-0050 to delete your account at any time.

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On-line Resources for Information on Studying in the United States

- **Your 5 Steps to U.S. Study**
www.EducationUSA.info/5_steps_to_study/
- **EducationUSA**
www.educationusa.state.gov
- **EducationUSA Advising Center locations**
<http://www.educationusa.info/centers.php>
- **EducationUSA YouTube Channel**
<http://www.youtube.com/EducationUSATV>
- **3D virtual advising experience**
www.Facebook.com/YourFiveStepstoUSStudy
- **EdUSA Connects webinar series**
www.educationusa.info/edusa_connects
 During the academic year, EducationUSA offers a global series of live webinar events featuring experts from the U.S. higher education community speaking on a wide variety of subjects related to U.S. study.
 - These live sessions are recorded and available online and via podcast for on demand viewing at <http://feeds.feedburner.com/EducationusaVideoPodcast>
- **USA Education in Brief:**
<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2011/05/20110503094955su0.486913.html#axzz26TcyE0zZ>
 - Also available in Persian, Arabic, Chinese, and Taiwanese
- **eJournal: See You in the USA:**
<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2011/04/20110428152842su0.4589306.html#axzz1cMjS0w3Q>
 - Also available in Persian, Arabic, French, and Portuguese
- **eJournal: Campus Connections:**
<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/publication/2011/05/20110503104847su0.3465191.html#axzz26TcyE0zZ>
 - Also available in Persian, Arabic, French, and Portuguese



EducationUSA-Trivia Quiz

Do you want to study in the United States? Take the first step now toward earning a U.S. college or university degree. It's a journey like no other, and it will be one of the best decisions you will ever make. Research the website [Your 5 Steps To U.S. Study \(www.EducationUSA.info/5_steps_to_study/\)](http://www.EducationUSA.info/5_steps_to_study/) to find the answers!

- 1. How soon before you enroll in a U.S. undergraduate program should you research your options and begin planning?**
 - a. 6 months
 - b. 12-18 months
 - c. 3 months
 - d. 24 months

- 2. How many accredited colleges and universities are in the United States?**
 - a. 4,500
 - b. 2,324
 - c. 132
 - d. 75

- 3. Why do international students choose to get an undergraduate or graduate degree in the United States?**
 - a. Flexible study programs
 - b. Quality of education
 - c. Become more competitive in home job market
 - d. All of the above

- 4. What was the worldwide approval rate for U.S. student and exchange visitor visas in fiscal year 2011?**
 - a. 86%
 - b. 78%
 - c. 47%
 - d. 23%

5. **Which are some factors to consider when searching for the U.S. institution that is the “best fit” for you?**
 - a. Type of degree
 - b. School size and class sizes
 - c. Location
 - d. All of the above

6. **What degree does a U.S. “community college” typically offer?**
 - a. Associate
 - b. Bachelor’s
 - c. High School
 - d. Master’s

7. **Which part of the U.S. government has central authority over all U.S. colleges and universities?**
 - a. U.S. Department of Education
 - b. U.S. Department of State
 - c. Congress
 - d. None of the above

8. **Which is the national entrance examination for U.S. colleges and universities?**
 - a. SAT
 - b. ACT
 - c. None of the above
 - d. Both a and b

9. **What are the main expenses related to higher education in the United States?**
 - a. Tuition and fees
 - b. Housing
 - c. Meals
 - d. All of the above

10. **What are some of the possible sources of funding U.S. study for international students?**
 - a. College/university scholarship
 - b. Home government scholarship/grant
 - c. Personal or family funds
 - d. All of the above

To find an advising center near you, visit

www.educationusa.state.gov!

EducationUSA Trivia Quiz Answer Key



1. How soon before you enroll in a U.S. undergraduate program should you research your options and begin planning?

Answer: b. For an undergraduate degree, 12 to 18 months prior to the academic year in which you hope to enroll, you should begin your research on: which colleges or universities will meet your needs and if you will need financial assistance. For graduate degrees, you should begin your research 24 months prior to wanting to study in the U.S.

2. How many accredited colleges and universities are in the United States?

Answer: a. 4,500. Approximately 4,500 colleges and universities are recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the U.S. Department of Education. Accreditation is approval of colleges and universities by nationally recognized professional associations or regional accrediting organizations that aim to ensure academic quality.

3. Why do international students choose to get an undergraduate or graduate degree in the United States?

Answer: d. All of the above. International students appreciate the quality of a U.S. education and know that the experience of studying abroad and learning fluent English will help them advance their careers at home. But mostly, students like the flexibility to choose their own field of concentration (“major”)... and to change their minds if they want later!

4. What was the worldwide approval rate for U.S. student and exchange visitor visas in fiscal year 2011?

Answer: a. 86%. The U.S. Department of State issued 781,719 student and exchange visitor visas in fiscal year 2011. Approximately 86% of those that applied for a U.S. visa received one.

5. Which are some factors to consider when searching for the U.S. institution that is the “best fit” for you?

Answer: d. All of the above. With diverse degree programs, varied student populations, a range of social and cultural activities, on-campus housing options, and dazzling landscapes from coast to coast, you’re sure to find the right setting for you in the United States.

6. What degree does a U.S. “community college” typically offer?

Answer: a. Associate degree. Community colleges are higher education institutions that typically offer 2-year associate degree programs as well as vocational and technical training. Tuition and fees at community colleges are often significantly lower than at 4-year colleges and universities. Many of them have agreements with 4-year institutions for students to automatically transfer to complete the last two years of a 4-year degree program.

7. Which part of the U.S. government has central authority over all U.S. colleges and universities?

Answer: d. None of the above. U.S. higher education is not subject to a central government authority and institutions are free to design their curriculum.

8. Which is the national entrance examination for U.S. colleges and universities?

Answer: c. None of the above. There is no national entrance examination required for college and university admissions in the United States. Each U.S. college and university has its own entrance requirements, and these can vary.

9. What are the main expenses related to higher education in the United States?

Answer: d. All of the above. The main types of expenses include tuition (cost of the program), fees, books and supplies, transportation, and other personal expenses.

10. What are some of the possible sources of funding U.S. study for international students?

Answer: d. All of the above. International students may find funding from a variety of sources, including the above. In addition, U.S. colleges and universities have a wide range of tuition costs, making a U.S. education affordable for hundreds of thousands of international students.

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