

EducationUSA University Fair in Baghdad September 28-30, 2013



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Fair Schedule

Saturday, September 28

Opening Ceremonies

Sunday, September 29

Baghdad Education Fair 10:00 – 15:00

Fair open to all scholarship students

Special Information Sessions for Students:

12:00 – 13:00 EducationUSA and How We Can Help Students

14:00 – 15:00 Applying for Your U.S. Student Visa

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Welcome to EducationUSA at the 2013 Baghdad Education Fair!

The U.S. Department of State EducationUSA Program and the Embassy of the United States of America, Baghdad, Iraq are honored to participate in this higher education fair to introduce the next generation of Iraqi leaders to representatives from more than 30 U.S. universities.

In 2011-2012, the United States hosted more than 723,000 international students! The United States is the preferred academic destination for many students, thanks to its history of liberal arts and sciences, countless academic and research opportunities, and broad range of world-class institutions. There are over 4,000 higher education institutions in the United States, ranging from two-year community colleges to four-year liberal arts colleges and research universities, to specialized postgraduate research institutions.

At this fair, you will have the opportunity to gather information about the remarkable variety of academic programs offered by U.S. institutions. As you will see on the matrices included, these institutions offer virtually every imaginable field of study. The EducationUSA Iraq team will offer presentations during the fair to provide information about the U.S. university application process, U.S. visa requirements, and life as a student in the United States. School representatives and fair staff will also be available to answer your questions at the EducationUSA booth.

This guide will help you make the most of your visit to the 2013 Iraq University Fair in Baghdad. Use the guide to learn about the profiles of the institutions attending the fair, including the fields of study offered by each institution. After the fair, be sure to visit the EducationUSA website (www.educationusa.info) for more information on how to take the next steps in pursuing future academic opportunities in the United States.

Thank you for participating in this year's fair. We wish you success in finding the U.S. institutions that meet your needs and fulfill your dreams.

Sincerely,

EducationUSA Iraq Team

Welcome to the EducationUSA Iraq Team!

The U.S. Department of State provides support to a network of EducationUSA Advising Centers around the world. This network currently consists of more than 400 EducationUSA advising centers in 170 countries that assist more than 250 million students each year in person, by telephone, through email, or on the Internet.

EducationUSA Advising Centers are staffed by professional advisors, many of whom have studied in the United States or received specialized training about U.S. higher education and the advising process. These centers provide prospective international students, young professionals, and other audiences with comprehensive, up-to-date, and unbiased information on higher education and study opportunities in the United States.

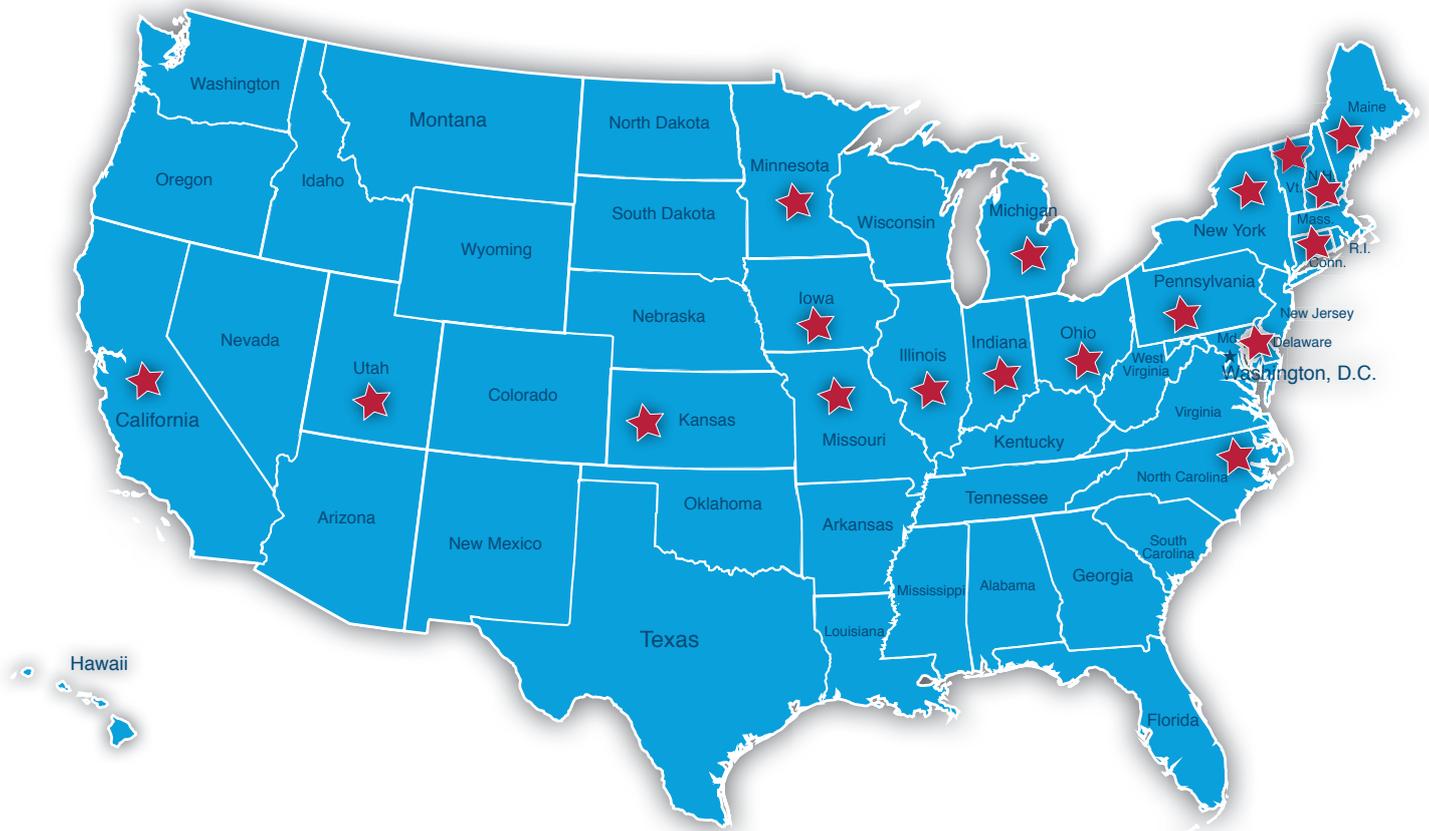
The advisors provide students with information to identify the best option for their educational and professional interests, choosing an institution, identifying financial aid opportunities, understanding the admission process, and applying for a student visa.

Additional services include group advising sessions, individual advising by appointment, CV and essay-writing seminars, test preparation materials or courses, and pre-departure orientation. Many advisors also visit schools and universities in their community to talk with students about U.S. study opportunities and present the services available through the advising center.

Visit www.educationusa.info for information about:

- Study options in the United States
- Financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Accredited U.S. colleges and universities
- Student life in the United States
- Applying for a student visa
- Finding the EducationUSA Advising Center closest to you!

To learn more about EducationUSA in Iraq, please see the “U.S. Embassy Baghdad Student Advising Fact Sheet” included in this program.



U.S. University Participants By State

California

University of California – Santa Cruz

Connecticut

University of Bridgeport

Delaware

University of Delaware

Illinois

DePaul University
Northern Illinois University
University of Chicago
University of Illinois – Chicago
Western Illinois University

Indiana

Ball State University
Trine University
Valparaiso University

Iowa

St. Ambrose University

Kansas

Emporia State University
University of Kansas

Maine

University of Maine

Michigan

Western Michigan University

Minnesota

University of Minnesota

Missouri

Missouri State University
University of Central Missouri
University of Missouri – Columbia
University of Missouri – Kansas City

New Hampshire

Southern New Hampshire University

New York

Iona College
University at Albany, State University of New York

North Carolina

Duke University

Ohio

Wright State University

Pennsylvania

Chatham University
Drexel University
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Utah

Utah State University

Vermont

SIT Graduate Institute
St. Michael's College

U.S. Universities Participating in the 2013 Baghdad Education Fair

Ball State University

Location: Muncie, Indiana

Undergraduate Enrollment: 16,652

Graduate Enrollment: 4,401

% International Students: 9.5%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$23,462

Room and Board: \$7,950

Website and Social Media: <http://cms.bsu.edu/>

Ball State University is redefining education by providing relevant, immersive learning experiences that engage high-caliber students in intense interdisciplinary projects both in and out of the classroom. Our expert, collaborative faculty members mentor students and encourage innovation and creativity in education. Located in Muncie, Indiana, a midsize city one hour northeast of Indianapolis, Ball State's vibrant campus is home to about 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students from across the country and abroad. Ranked eighth among "up-and-coming" colleges and universities in 2011 by U.S. News & World Report, Ball State has nationally recognized programs, including entrepreneurship, accounting, architecture, journalism, public relations, telecommunications, and education.

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Chatham University

Location: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Enrollment: 922

Graduate Enrollment: 1256

% International Students: 3%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 60 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$17,532

Room and Board: \$12,000

Website and Social Media: www.chatham.edu; internationalaffairs@chatham.edu

Chatham University is a private U.S. university with a strong history in and commitment to environmental sustainability, women's leadership and global understanding that combines a strong focus on academics with personal attention while preparing you for the future. Chatham College for Women is our all-female undergraduate college offering small classes (student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1) and intensive instruction in liberal arts and professional fields. The College for Graduate Studies offers 21 master's and doctoral degree programs to both women and men. The School of Sustainability and the Environment offers degrees in food studies and sustainability to both women and men.

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Email: vyamoah@chatham.edu**DePaul University****Location:** Chicago, Illinois**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 16,364**Graduate Enrollment:** 9,048**% International Students:** 2% undergraduate, 7% graduate**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 80 iBT (no section less than 17 iBT)**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** No minimum scores**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** Varies by program, \$21,000-\$41,000**Room and Board:** \$10,000-\$15,000**Website and Social Media:** www.depaul.edu; www.facebook.com/DePaulUniversity;
www.facebook.com/depaulinternationalprograms

DePaul University, with more than 25,000 students, is the largest Catholic university and one of the ten largest private universities in the United States, and the only one among them where the faculty priority is on quality of teaching. DePaul offers a high-caliber, challenging learning environment that is respected by employers, community leaders, and other universities. Many of DePaul's more than 275 graduate and undergraduate programs of study have earned national acclaim, and have received both institutional and specialized accreditation. Our faculty, active in research and consulting, bring real-world experience into the classroom every day. Because the average class has fewer than 40 students, our faculty members know their students' names, concerns, and goals. Driven by a respect for the inherent dignity of all people, DePaul welcomes students and employees from all ethnicities, religions, nations, and backgrounds. For six consecutive years, The Princeton Review has ranked DePaul in the top 20 most diverse student populations in their "Diverse Student Population" category.

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Drexel University is a private, nonsectarian coeducational university, founded in 1891. Today it is a top-tier, comprehensive research university, enrolling more than 16, 000 undergraduates and 9,000 graduate,

professional, and certificate students on four separate campuses. The University's 13 colleges and schools offer over 70 master's and 30 doctoral programs. Students come from all 50 U.S. states and 133 foreign countries.

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Duke University: Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) Program

Location: Durham, North Carolina

Undergraduate Enrollment: 16,652

Graduate Enrollment: 90

% International Students: N/A

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: n/a

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 83 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$79,247

Room and Board: \$1,600/month

Website and Social Media: <http://dcid.sanford.duke.edu/academics/master-international-development-policy>

The Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) is a unique interdisciplinary program dedicated to the training of mid-career professionals who plan to dedicate their careers to policy-making and public service in and for developing and transition countries. The mission of the Master of International Development Policy program is to provide top-quality, personalized education in international development policy and to make contributions to international social, political and economic development. Participants self-design their course of study, selecting from MIDP core seminars, elective courses from MIDP and departments across Duke University, and courses at other nearby universities. Should you attend the program, you will become part of a network of MIDP alumni in more than 65 countries, working with international development agencies, in the private sector, or as government and NGO leaders, each contributing in a significant way to the field of sustainable international development.

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Emporia State University

Location: Emporia, Kansas

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,773

Graduate Enrollment: 2,049

% International Students: 9%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 530 PBT; 72 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: Affiliate on-campus program

Tuition: \$15,700

Room and Board: \$7,000

Website and Social Media: www.emporia.edu; oisa@emporia.edu, www.facebook.com/ESUOIE

Emporia State University is a comprehensive public university founded in 1863. The University offers more than 180 majors and minors at the Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. level. With an enrollment of about 6,000 students from more than 40 countries, Emporia State University is a global campus community. Emporia State University offers a dynamic and innovative learning environment, where the student is always at the center. According to U.S. News and World Report, Emporia State University is a top 100 Midwest university with one of the safest campus and best value in education. Emporia State University is located in the city of Emporia, Kansas in the Heart of America. The City of Emporia is a friendly community, which welcomes international students to immerse into and experience the American culture.

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Iona College

Location: New Rochelle, New York

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,000

Graduate Enrollment: 800

% International Students: 2%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

ESL Offerings: Affiliate on-campus program

Tuition: \$17,543

Room and Board: \$13,165

Website and Social Media: admissions@iona.edu; <https://www.facebook.com/icadmissions>

The Iona Story: Iona is a private, comprehensive, four year Catholic college located in the suburb of New Rochelle, just 20 miles north of Midtown Manhattan. Our nearly 3,800 undergraduate, graduate and international students study in over 45 undergraduate majors and 35 minors, and more than 30 graduate programs at one of the most highly-accredited college in the New York State. Iona College prides itself in its sense of community, welcoming environment, academic challenge, diversity and commitment to mission and service. Apply today and join us.

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Missouri State University

Location: Springfield, Missouri

Undergraduate Enrollment: 19,000

Graduate Enrollment: 3,000

% International Students: 15%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 61 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$10,680

Room and Board: \$7,450

Website and Social Media: <http://international.missouristate.edu>;
<https://www.facebook.com/missouristateu>

Missouri State University is a public, comprehensive university system with a mission in public affairs. Our purpose is to develop fully educated persons with a focus on ethical leadership, cultural competence and community engagement. This public affairs mission is about helping the community, being a leader and being informed about the world and the people who live in it. The academic experience is grounded in a general education curriculum which draws heavily from the liberal arts and sciences. This foundation provides the basis for mastery of disciplinary and professional studies. It also provides essential forums in which students develop the capacity to make well-informed, independent critical judgments about the cultures, values and institutions in society.

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Northern Illinois University

Location: DeKalb, Illinois

Undergraduate Enrollment: 19,000

Graduate Enrollment: 53,000

% International Students: 15%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: N/A

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$16,000

Room and Board: \$12,000

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Located near Chicago, Northern Illinois University was established in 1895. NIU is a comprehensive research university offering nearly 100 graduate courses of study in business, education, the social sciences, humanities, science, the arts, and health sciences. Graduate courses are offered at the master's and doctoral levels, as well as at the baccalaureate level.

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SIT Graduate Institute

Location: Brattleboro, Vermont

Undergraduate Enrollment: N/A

Graduate Enrollment: 183

% International Students: 28%

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$41,928

Room and Board: \$8,840

Website and Social Media: <http://www.sit.edu/graduate/>; www.facebook.com/SITGraduateInstitute

SIT Graduate Institute equips students with theoretical knowledge, field experience, and professional skills. Programs are based on an experiential learning model and a commitment to social justice and intercultural communication. SIT degree programs include a field practicum in conjunction with coursework to provide a comprehensive and unique learning experience. SIT Graduate Institute prepares students to be interculturally effective leaders, professionals, and citizens. In so doing, SIT fosters a worldwide network of individuals and organizations committed to responsible global citizenship. SIT is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) since 1974.

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Southern New Hampshire University

Location: Manchester, New Hampshire

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3500

Graduate Enrollment: 1,500

% International Students: 20%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 530 PBT; 71 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$31,432

Room and Board: N/A

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An award-winning private university located on 300 acres along the Merrimack River. We're proud that more than 900 international students from 70 countries take classes at SNHU — more than any university north of Boston. Innovative, Flexible Programs – You can take classes on campus, online, or through a blended format. And you can take advantage of pioneering programs and services that helped SNHU rank #12 on Fast Company's 2012 World's Most Innovative Companies list, next to Google and Apple. Strong Community & Support System – What truly distinguishes SNHU is our welcoming, caring community who go out of their way to make you feel at home. Our International Student Services team will help you with everything from getting a driver's license to maintaining legal status. Safety – Located in the #3 most peaceful state in America, according to one study, SNHU makes public safety a top priority by implementing a comprehensive public safety plan.

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St. Ambrose University

Location: St. Davenport, Iowa

Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,794

Graduate Enrollment: 877

% International Students: 1.9%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 563 PBT; 85 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$17,500

Room and Board: \$9,200

Website and Social Media: www.sau.edu/international

Rated among the top universities in the region by two national ranking publications, St. Ambrose was founded in 1882. St. Ambrose University is a coeducational, liberal arts university affiliated with the Diocese of Davenport. Maintaining an 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio, the university offers more than 75 areas of study leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Qualified freshmen applicants are eligible for scholarships valued up to 50% of one year's tuition. The Office of International Programs provides enrolled international students support. St. Ambrose University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

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St. Michael's College

Location: Colchester, Vermont

Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,000

Graduate Enrollment: 650

% International Students: 10%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: N/A

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: N/A

Room and Board: N/A

Website and Social Media: www.smcvt.edu/international

Saint Michael's College is a university situated in scenic Vermont with a global perspective. Vermont is consistently rated as one of the healthiest and safest states in the U.S. and is home to some of the best outdoor activities on the east coast. The university, named 'a hidden treasure' by Newsweek magazine, derives its international culture from a variety of TESOL and English Language programs. Respected for over 50 years, the Master's Program in TESOL balances current theory and practice in an interactive learning community, with a variety of practicum opportunities both locally and overseas. Students with lower English skills may enroll in the Saint Michael's Pathway Program with conditional admittance, and study in the Intensive English or Academic English Programs while taking academic courses at the same time. A Graduate Certificate in TESOL and a four-week summer Diploma program are also available.

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Trine University**Location:** Angola, Indiana**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 1500**Graduate Enrollment:** 100**% International Students:** 5%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 520 PBT; 71 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 79 iBT**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** \$28,700**Room and Board:** \$9,500**Website and Social Media:** www.sau.edu/international

Trine University is a place for thinking and doing. Founded in 1884, Trine is known for its rigorous academic programs, exceptional faculty, and hands-on experiences. Trine is a private institution granting bachelor's and graduate degrees through outstanding programs, including 30+ majors in the schools of Engineering, Business, Education, Health Sciences, and Arts & Sciences. Our results are phenomenal. The rate at which Trine students find work related to their majors is among the highest in America. Our students' success is our success. Together we make dreams come true. Explore. Experience. Excel.

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Email: colbertd@trine.edu**Tel:** +1 (260) 665-4224**University at Albany – State University of New York****Location:** Albany, New York**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 12,000**Graduate Enrollment:** 5,300**% International Students:** 10%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 79 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 570 PBT; 80 iBT**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** \$21,000**Room and Board:** varies**Website and Social Media:** www.albany.edu, www.facebook.com/universityatalbany

Strategically located in the state capital of New York, the University at Albany is an internationally recognized public research institution that brings "The World Within Reach" to more than 17,300 students at the graduate and undergraduate levels. The varied perspectives and life experiences of a student body and faculty that represent more than 100 nations provide a diversity that enriches learning. UAlbany students can choose from 118 undergraduate majors and minors and 138 graduate programs. Many of these programs are nationally ranked, among them criminal justice, information science, public administration, social welfare and sociology.

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University of Bridgeport

Location: Bridgeport, Connecticut

Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,400

Graduate Enrollment: 2,600

% International Students: 25%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$15,690

Room and Board: \$12,050

Website and Social Media: www.bridgeport.edu, www.facebook.com/UBInternational

University of Bridgeport, founded in 1927, is an international, doctoral intensive comprehensive university, with award-winning academic programs in over 120 undergraduate and graduate programs of study. UB is among America's strong international universities with 25 percent of our students coming from over 80 countries. With 5,000 students, UB prides itself in being a real world "experience in globalization." One hour north of New York City, UB's prime location provides exceptional opportunity for internship and co-op positions in recognized national and international companies. Academic scholarships are available for qualified undergraduate and graduate applicants. ABET and six other national accrediting bodies for the university's professional programs.

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University of California, Santa Cruz

Location: Santa Cruz, California

Undergraduate Enrollment: 15,978

Graduate Enrollment: 1,426

% International Students: N/A

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 83 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$33,012

Room and Board: \$20,763

Website and Social Media: www.ucmo.edu/international

Part of the esteemed University of California, UC Santa Cruz, with about 17,000 students, is known for its interdisciplinary approach, ground-breaking research, and world-class faculty and facilities. The campus recently ranked 2nd in the world in research influence by Times Higher Education. UC Santa Cruz is located on Monterey Bay, 75 miles south of San Francisco, close to Silicon Valley. With majors, minors, and academic concentrations in engineering, physical and biological sciences, social sciences, humanities, and arts, UC Santa Cruz is known for combining the intimacy of a small college with the depth and rigor of a major research university.

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Email: internationaladmissions@ucsc.edu**Tel:** +1 (831) 459-4008**University of Central Missouri****Location:** Warrensburg, Missouri**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 8,500**Graduate Enrollment:** 2,500**% International Students:** 20%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 500 PBT; 61 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 500 PBT; 61 iBT**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** N/A**Room and Board:** N/A**Website and Social Media:** www.ucmo.edu/international

For the seventh consecutive year, the University of Central Missouri was recognized by The Princeton Review as one of the “Best Value” universities in the Midwest region of the U.S. UCM was also ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Nation’s best Midwestern institutions. Since 1871, the University of Central Missouri has been dedicated to education and service to the community, state, country and the world. Today, our focus is on providing a high-quality education at an affordable price.

UCM is a mid-sized university with nearly 11,000 students from more than 40 American states and 55 countries. Our student-to-faculty ratio is 17:1.

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Email: intladmit@ucmo.edu**Tel:** +1 660-543-4195**University of Chicago****Location:** Chicago, Illinois**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 5,369**Graduate Enrollment:** 9,859**% International Students:** 20%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 70 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 570 PBT; 75 iBT**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** \$50,000**Room and Board:** \$70,000**Website and Social Media:** www.uchicago.edu

The University of Chicago is a private university, founded in 1892, that has always been famous as a major research university, stressing interdisciplinary research. The University is affiliated with 87 Nobel laureates, including 8 current faculty, as well as 49 Rhodes scholars, and 9 Fields Medalists. It is especially strong in medicine, chemistry, and physics and was the site of the world’s first man-made, self-sustaining nuclear reaction. It is closely connected to the Argonne National Laboratory and the Fermi Lab. It has recently inaugurated an Institute for Molecular Engineering. The Oriental Institute is the premier center in the U.S. for research on the ancient Near East and the Department of Near Eastern

Languages and Civilizations has the largest program in the U.S. devoted to the study of the ancient, Medieval, and modern Middle East. The Center for Middle Eastern Studies administers a 2-year MA program in the Islamic and modern Middle East and a new MA program for ancient studies.

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University of Delaware

Location: Newark, Delaware

Undergraduate Enrollment: 17,484

Graduate Enrollment: 3,654

% International Students: 39%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 570 PBT; 90 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 (600 for some programs) PBT; 79 (100 for some programs)

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$31,415

Room and Board: \$12,258

Website and Social Media: English Language Institute: www.udel.edu/eli, www.facebook.com/UdeLELI
University of Delaware: www.udel.edu

The University of Delaware is a Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant, Carnegie Research University (very high research activity). We are located in Newark, Delaware, a small city that is 45 minutes from Philadelphia and two hours from New York City and Washington, DC. This prestigious university is ranked #31 among US public universities and #75 overall. The University of Delaware is proud to offer a variety of programs, including: 145 undergraduate majors, 158 graduate programs, a top-ranked MBA program, Conditional Admissions through our highly respected English Language Institute. MBA Program: Prepare for success with an MBA from the University of Delaware! Flexible curriculum, accredited by AACSB, opportunities for paid internships with American companies, highly-qualified faculty. Conditional Admissions Program: Improve your English before beginning your university coursework. No TOEFL exam is required!

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University of Illinois at Chicago

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Enrollment: 16,911

Graduate Enrollment: 10,669

% International Students: 7%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$27,821 (undergraduate); \$28,079 (graduate);

Room and Board: \$11,250

Website and Social Media: <http://www.uic.edu>, www.facebook.com/gouic?ref=ts

The University of Illinois at Chicago is a major research university in the heart of one of the world's greatest cities. The largest university in the Chicago area, UIC has 27,580 students, 15 colleges-including the nation's largest medical school-and annual research expenditures exceeding \$335 million. A truly global institution, more than a third of UIC students speak English as a second language. UIC's student body is recognized as one of the nation's most diverse.

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University of Maine

Location: Orono, Maine

Undergraduate Enrollment: 8,429

Graduate Enrollment: 2058

% International Students: 7%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$27,821 (undergraduate); \$28,497 (graduate);

Room and Board: \$7,426

Website and Social Media: <http://www.umaine.edu>, www.facebook.com/UMaineAdmissions

Founded in 1865, the University of Maine (UMaine) is the land grant university and sea grant college of the state of Maine. Located on an expansive campus adjoining the town of Orono, it is just minutes by car or public transportation from Bangor — Maine's third largest city. UMaine is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeastern United States, attracting students from across the nation and from more than 67 countries. More than 10,900 undergraduate and graduate students are currently enrolled, participating directly in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers doctoral degrees in 35 fields, including the humanities, sciences, engineering and education. Master's degrees are granted in approximately 70 disciplines. Undergraduate and academic programs exceed 90 majors and areas of study. Additionally, the university operates one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the United States.

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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota

Undergraduate Enrollment: 30,375

Graduate Enrollment: 13,124

% International Students: 18.58%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$24,298

Room and Board: \$13,597

Website and Social Media: www.passport.umn.edu; <http://z.umn.edu/baghdad2013>

The University of Minnesota is among the top 10 public research universities in the U.S. and is also one of the most comprehensive institutions. The University offers more than 140 majors on the undergraduate level; it offers graduate degrees in more than 160 subjects, including sciences, arts, engineering, agriculture and medical fields and the humanities. The University has seven professional schools offering degrees in business, law, public health, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Many of the University's academic programs are ranked among the top in the country and are taught by internationally acclaimed faculty. The University community includes 5,537 international students from 140 countries.

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University of Missouri Columbia

Location: Columbia, Missouri

Undergraduate Enrollment: 26,996

Graduate Enrollment: 6,481

% International Students: 22%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$17,066

Room and Board: \$14,229

Website and Social Media: <http://missouri.edu>; iss@missouri.edu

The University of Missouri (MU or Mizzou) is a major research institution in the U.S., offering over 300 degrees. The student-to-faculty ratio of 20:1 allows Mizzou's faculty of nationally prominent scholars and scientists to directly involve students in research. Mizzou is one of only 35 public U.S. institutions to be granted membership in the Association of American Universities (AAU) which recognizes top-tier universities for their outstanding teaching and research endeavors. The University of Missouri's nationally recognized programs in Business, Engineering, and Journalism contribute to Mizzou's consistent ranking as one of the best universities in the States. The mission of the University of Missouri College of Engineering is to educate engineers, create leaders and develop entrepreneurs in a research and interdisciplinary environment. We do this by: Supporting engineering educational programs with extracurricular student activities and research experience; encouraging faculty to be entrepreneurial and interdisciplinary; conducting world class research that produces new knowledge and new researchers for the future; resulting in economic development, job creation, and an improved standard of living.

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University of Missouri- Kansas City**Location:** Kansas City, Missouri**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 8,740**Graduate Enrollment:** 5,358**% International Students:** 7%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 500 PBT; 61 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 79 iBT**ESL Offerings:** On-campus program**Tuition:** \$16,380**Room and Board:** \$16,000**Website and Social Media:** www.umkc.edu/isao; <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/UMKC-International-Student-Affairs-Office/428243980541036>

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is a fully accredited doctoral research university offering over 50 undergraduate and 80 graduate/professional degree programs and the Applied Language Institute. Its beautiful main campus is located in the center of Kansas City's educational and cultural center that includes one of the country's top engineering and technological libraries. The diverse economy including a large number of Fortune 500 corporations provides wide opportunities for optional practical training and other educational programs for international students. Kansas City's diverse populations offer rich cultural and social opportunities.

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Email: isao@umkc.edu; umkcisaoproc@umkc.edu**Tel:** +1 (816) 235-1113**Utah State University****Location:** Logan, Utah**Undergraduate Enrollment:** 25,445**Graduate Enrollment:** 3,341**% International Students:** 13%**Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores:** 525 PBT; 71 iBT**Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores:** 550 PBT; 79 iBT**ESL Offerings:** Affiliate on-campus program**Tuition:** ~\$12,000**Room and Board:** \$23,400**Website and Social Media:** <http://www.usu.edu/>; <http://globalengagement.usu.edu/>;

Utah State University is one of the nation's premier, student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities. Our graduate program offers more than 140 graduate degrees, and the university is rated #2 in the USA for aerospace engineering research funding and #3 in education research. No other university provides USU's experience: top-notch academics, internationally recognized research, and more than 200 student clubs and organizations. All on the oldest residential campus in the state, and just 15 minutes from the mountains and a half-day's drive from six national parks, including Yellowstone. We offer big-school opportunities with a small-school feel, all for a great value.

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Valparaiso University

Location: Valparaiso, Indiana

Undergraduate Enrollment: 3,000

Graduate Enrollment: 1400

% International Students: 25% of graduate students;

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 80 iBT

ESL Offerings: Affiliate on-campus program

Tuition: \$22,000

Room and Board: \$10,000

Website and Social Media: www.valpo.edu/international

Valparaiso University (“Valpo”) is a comprehensive, private, selective university founded in 1859. Our diverse student body includes more than 4,000 students from most U.S. states and more than 50 other countries. Valpo’s small size and student/faculty ratio of 13:1 ensures great deal of individual attention to students by faculty. All courses are taught by faculty and classes are generally small. This is very different from going to a large state or research university where introductory classes are two hundred or above and courses are often taught by graduate teaching assistants. Thus Valpo has a culture that supports student success by providing close attention and many support systems, something that is particularly important to international students who are experiencing a new culture and new systems far away from home. We have a strong international population of students who are an active and vital component of our campus. Valpo is located in Valparaiso, Indiana, a city of approximately 31,000 (very safe) and one hour from Chicago, the third largest city in the US.

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West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Location: West Chester, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Enrollment: 13,301

Graduate Enrollment: 2,114

% International Students: 3%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 70 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 70 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$ \$14,248

Room and Board: \$13,000

Website and Social Media: www.wcupa.edu/grad; <https://www.facebook.com/wcugrad>

West Chester University of Pennsylvania is the largest of the 14 public institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and the fourth-largest university in the Philadelphia area. While continuing its legacy of teacher education, West Chester University has adapted its programs and

facilities to meet the needs of students and the region's businesses and industry. The University offers more than 100 graduate and undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences, business and public affairs, the social sciences, visual and performing arts, and health sciences in addition to teacher education. Industry-specific programs include the Pharmaceutical Product Development program, pre-medicine, and pre-law. The campus also boasts a 100-acre natural area for environmental studies. The university is located in the middle of several major cities. Philadelphia is roughly 30 minutes away and both New York City and Washington, D.C. are roughly two hours away, with direct train service to all three cities.

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Western Illinois University

Location: Macomb, Illinois

Undergraduate Enrollment: 13,000

Graduate Enrollment: 1,533

% International Students: 10%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 550 PBT; 79 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$15,000

Room and Board: \$10,000

Website and Social Media: http://www.wiu.edu/international_studies/WESL/About-WESL.php;

http://www.wiu.edu/social_networking/facebook.php

Western Illinois University (WIU) is located in a safe, small university community 3.5 hours from Chicago. WIU is AACSB (Business), ABET (Engineering) and CEA (English as a Second Language) accredited and offers a guaranteed four-year rate for tuition, fees, and room & board. WIU offers 64 undergraduate and 36 graduate programs of study in fields such as biology, math, physics, chemistry and instructional design and technology.

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Western Michigan University

Location: Kalamazoo, Michigan

Undergraduate Enrollment: 20,000

Graduate Enrollment: 5,000

% International Students: 5%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$22,624

Room and Board: \$12,990

Website and Social Media: www.wmich.edu, www.facebook.com/wmich

One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University is committed to being learner centered, discovery driven and globally engaged. The University offers more than 240 academic programs to students pursuing degrees through the doctoral level. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work, studying in disciplines ranging from atomic physics and graph theory to medieval literature and blind rehabilitation. Of 101 graduate offerings available, 30 lead to a doctoral degree. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has classified WMU as one of only 139 public institutions it considers research universities. In addition, U.S. News & World Report has recognized it as one of the nation's best universities for the past 21 years, and for the past 14 years, has listed it among the top-100 public universities in the United States.

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Wright State University

Location: Dayton, Ohio

Undergraduate Enrollment: 14,150

Graduate Enrollment: 3,500

% International Students: 19%

Minimum Undergraduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

Minimum Graduate TOEFL Scores: 500 PBT; 61 iBT

ESL Offerings: On-campus program

Tuition: \$6132/semester

Room and Board: \$5000/semester

Website and Social Media: www.wright.edu/gradschool/wsig

Wright State University is located on a 557-acre suburban campus near Dayton, Ohio. We have 18,000 students on our main campus, including 3,500 graduate students and more than 1,000 international students, representing more than 65 countries. Our Graduate School carries on the legacy and innovative spirit of the Wright Brothers through dedication to research and educational excellence. We offer 8 doctoral programs and more than 50 master's programs, a comprehensive English program, and outstanding support services for international students and their families in a safe, affordable setting.

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Teaching English as a Second Language		
University of Missouri-Kansas		
	Architectural Studies	B
	Art History	B [C], M, PhD
	Bioinformatics	M
	Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	M, PhD
	Information Technology	B [C]
	Creative Writing & Media Arts	
	Criminal Justice	B [C], M
	Counseling & Guidance: Educ.Spec.	M
	Counseling Psychology: PhD	D
	Curriculum & Instruction: Educ.Spec.	M, D
	Dental Hygiene	B
B[C]	Educational Administration: Educ.Spec.	M
	Elementary Education	B
	Curriculum & Instruction	M
M	Educational Leadership, Policy and Foundation	D
	Language and Literacy	M
	Middle School Education	B
M [C]	Secondary Education	B
M	Special Education	M
	Geography	B
M	Management	B, M
	Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation	M
	Public Administration	M
	Pharmaceutical Sciences	D
M[C]	Pharmacology	D
	Theater	B, M
	Urban Planning & Design	B
B©,M©	Urban Studies	B
M		
West Chester University of PA		
	Public Administration	M[C]
M	Human Resource Management	M[C]
	Nonprofit Administration	M[C]
	Public Administration with Urban Planning	M[C]
M	Geography	B,M[C]
M	Geography with GIS (Geographic Information Systems)	M[C]
SIT		
M [C]	Masters of Arts in Sustainable Development	
M	Masters of Arts in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation	
	Masters of Arts in International Education	
M [C]	Masters of Arts in Intercultural Service, Leadership and Management (self-designed degree)	
B, M[C]		
Utah State University		
B [C], M [C]	Watershed Sciences	
B, M[C]	Wildland Resources	
B [C],M [C]	Instructional Technology and Learning Science	
	Master of Speech and Language Therapy	
	Management	

U.S. Embassy Baghdad Student Advising Fact Sheet

For students around the world, studying in the United States provides a lifetime of benefits and rewards:

- Quality facilities, resources and faculty;
- Opportunity for students to become highly skilled and competitive in their fields and leaders within their communities;
- Choice of different types of institutions, programs, academic and social environments, and subjects;
- Value for the money invested in higher education;
- Knowledge of American customs, culture, and history.

Preparing to study in the United States can be challenging and feel overwhelming. Here are some important ideas that Iraqi students need to know before they apply to study in the U.S.

The Application Process: Each American college and university has its own requirements for admission. Generally, they require an application, standardized tests, transcripts from your previous academic institution, letters of reference, and essays.

Finding a School: There are more than 4,000 accredited higher education institutions in the United States. Turn to Page 5 for descriptions about different types of institutions and the degrees they offer. Iraqi students should start their research at the EducationUSA website. This website provides accurate, objective, and comprehensive information about U.S. educational institutions and guidance on how to access those opportunities. The EducationUSA website provides information about applying to a U.S. university, selecting universities that match a student's study goals, and applying for financial aid. <http://www.EducationUSA.info/>

Iraqi Student Advisers: The U.S. Embassy has trained more than 100 university professors and staff, high school teachers, and business leaders across Iraq as Student Advisers. These Student Advisers are familiar with the U.S. university system and are trained to help students research and apply to universities and colleges. Working as volunteers, Iraqi Student Advisers are committed to helping students pursue educational opportunities in the United States and Iraq. U.S. Embassy Baghdad supports the Student Advisers and also works directly with Iraqi students to answer questions, find resources and provide support. For information or help, email to: BaghdadEducationAdv@state.gov

English Language Proficiency Testing: As part of the application process, Iraqi students need to demonstrate strong English language skills. To study in the United States, students take standardized tests to demonstrate their English language proficiency. Currently, testing is available through Education Testing Services (ETS) at locations across Iraq.

TOEFL® Test – Test of English as a Foreign Language: The TOEFL Test measures the ability of non-native speakers of English to communicate in English in the university classroom. Both paper-based and internet-based TOEFL tests are given regularly in Iraq. Students can pay to attend TOEFL study courses or they can study on their own. Students also pay a fee to take the TOEFL Test. U.S. universities accept the TOEFL test as part of the application process. <http://www.ets.org/>

TOEFL® ITP – Institutional Testing Program: The TOEFL ITP test measures English-language proficiency and is used for academic placement, progress evaluation, and exit testing. U.S. universities DO NOT accept TOEFL ITP as part of the application process.

Academic Testing: Students must check the requirements for the universities they are interested in attending, but many universities require an academic test for admission.

Students applying for undergraduate programs may need to take the *Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Reasoning Test and/or Subject Tests*. <http://sat.collegeboard.com/home>
Others may need to take the *ACT Test*. The ACT is not offered in Iraq at this time. If the university you apply to requires this test, ask if you can submit the SAT instead.
<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/outside.html>

Students applying for graduate programs may need to submit test scores for:

Graduate Record Exam (GRE): <http://www.ets.org/gre/>

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT): <http://www.gmac.com/gmac/thegmat/>

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT): <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/>

Optometry Admission Test (OAT): <https://www.ada.org/oat/index.html>

Dental Admissions Test (DAT): <http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx>

Law School Admission Test (LSAT): <http://www.lsac.org/LSAT/about-the-lsat.asp>

Funding your studies in America: Foreign students studying in the U.S. fund their studies in four ways:

- ***They fund their studies themselves.*** This is the way most foreign students fund their studies. All American colleges and universities welcome foreign students and can provide information on the cost of attending.
- ***They obtain funding from their government.*** Visit these websites for more information about scholarships that may be available for undergraduate and graduate studies:
Government of Iraq Ministry of Higher Education – www.mohe.gov.iq
The Higher Committee for Education Development in Iraq (HCED) – www.hcediraq.org
Kurdistan Regional Government Ministry of Higher Education – www.mhe-kr.gov
- ***They obtain financial aid from an American university.*** This financial aid can be grants or scholarships, loans, or campus work programs. Students should complete a Financial Aid Application as part of their application package. Use the EducationUSA website to find other funding options. <http://www.educationusa.state.gov>
- ***They obtain funding from the U.S. government*** through programs such as the Fulbright Foreign Student Program. Each year, the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad selects Iraqis for graduate level study in the United States. Look for information on the U.S. Embassy Baghdad website for a list of programs that fund studying at U.S. universities. <http://iraq.usembassy.gov>

How to Apply: Students should follow these steps to apply to a U.S. university:

- Start the research and application process at least 18 months before they wish to attend a U.S. university;
- Be aware of the time schedule. Most universities accept new students for the Fall Semester, starting in August or September. Some universities will accept new students for the Winter Semester, starting in January.
- Select 5 - 10 universities that match their interests and needs;
- Applications are usually submitted online. Follow the application process step by step as outlined on the university website. Completing the application can take quite a bit of time; students should make sure they have enough time to do a good job!
- Fill out the application for Financial Aid and submit with the application;
- Provide official copies of transcripts for all courses attended; be prepared to submit the original version (in Arabic) and an official translated version (in English);

- Many universities require foreign students to have their transcripts evaluated by an independent reviewer. Follow the directions on the Application.
- Submit official copies of all English language and academic testing; students can request that the testing organization (for example, ETS) send the official scores to the universities directly;
- Provide personal and academic references; students should choose teachers, professors, or community leaders who know them well and can give strong references with specific examples and details;
- Write a personal essay (or essays) as part of the application. Follow the instructions carefully. U.S. universities take these essays very seriously because they provide personal information about students that may not come through in the regular application. Students should answer the questions directly, give specific examples and help the university get to know them as individuals;
- Submit an application fee in U.S. dollars; usually this must be paid online with a credit card; most universities WILL NOT accept an application without the application fee;
- Submit the completed application, including all other documents such as transcripts, test scores, etc.

Visa Application Process: The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad accepts applications for student visas for Iraqis to study in the United States. Obtaining your visa is the final part of the process of applying to study in the United States. You should apply after you have been accepted for admission at an American college or university and have accepted the admission offer. Information about applying for a student visa is available on the U.S. Embassy Baghdad webpage. <http://iraq.usembassy.gov>

Time Schedule: There are many steps from when students start to research suitable programs until the time they begin studies at a U.S. university. Here is a general timeline for an application, but remember that the exact dates could change depending on the individual:

January - August	Research U.S. universities online; find deadlines for applications Study for TOEFL Test and other standardized tests (SAT, GRE) Take TOEFL Test and other tests
August - November	Select U.S. universities to apply to Complete Applications online Order official transcripts from previous schools Request letters of reference from past instructors Write personal essays Start Financial Aid Application Retake standardized tests to improve scores, if possible
December	Complete Applications Submit Applications online with payment Submit Financial Aid Application Submit all transcripts, test scores, etc.
January	Deadline to submit applications Universities review applications
March-June	Students receive letters of acceptance or rejection from U.S. universities and information on the Financial Aid assistance package

April-June	Students must accept offer from one university Students must send a deposit (money) to hold their place Student prepares a Visa Application (Most universities will not send visa information (Form I-20) UNTIL a student has accepted the offer and made a deposit)
June	University sends visa information, etc. for student Student submits a Visa Application (Form I-20) to the U.S. Embassy
August	Student receives visa to travel to the U.S. to study Student makes travel arrangements Student departs Iraq for U.S.
August/September	Student begins first semester at a U.S. university! See the EducationUSA website for a detailed Application Process Timeline http://www.educationusa.state.gov

Types of Higher Education Institutions: There are several different types of higher education institutions in the United States.

Colleges, Universities and Institutes: Degree-granting institutions in the United States can be called universities, colleges or institutes. Colleges tend to be small and offer only undergraduate degrees, while universities also offer graduate degrees. An institute usually specializes in degree programs in a group of closely related subject areas such as institutes of technology and institutes of fashion.

Public (or State) Universities are founded and subsidized by U.S. state governments (for example, California, Michigan, or Texas) to provide low-cost education to residents of that state. Public universities tend to be large and tuition costs are generally lower than those of private universities. Also, in-state residents (those who live and pay taxes in that particular state) pay lower tuition than out-of-state residents. International students are considered to be out-of-state residents, and they may have to fulfill higher admission requirements than in-state residents.

Private Universities are funded by a combination of endowments, tuition fees, research grants, and gifts from their alumni. Tuition fees tend to be higher than at public universities, but there is no distinction made between state and non-state residents. Colleges with a religious affiliation and single-sex colleges are private.

Community colleges provide two-year associate degree programs, as well as technical and vocational programs. Community colleges can be public or private institutions and are sometimes called junior colleges or two-year colleges. An increasing number of international students are choosing to study at community colleges. Tuition costs are often lower compared to four-year institutions, and many have agreements that allow students on transfer programs to move easily into the third year of a bachelor's degree at the local state university. Use the American Association of Community Colleges website to search amongst the more than 1700 community colleges in the United States.
<http://www.aacc.nche.edu/pages/ccfinder.aspx>

Short-Term University Study includes programs such as Intensive English Language instruction, summer session studies, and student exchange programs. These programs are short, ranging from a few weeks to a few months, and they do not lead to a degree.

Types of Degrees:

The associate degree usually takes two years to complete and is awarded by two-year colleges. Associate degree programs may be "terminal" programs, which lead to specific careers upon graduation or "transfer" programs, which allow the student to transfer into a four-year bachelor's degree program as a third year student.

The bachelor's degree typically takes four years to complete and is awarded by four-year colleges and universities. The most common are a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.).

The master's degree provides additional education or training in the student's specialized branch of knowledge beyond the level of baccalaureate study. Master's degrees are offered in many different fields, and are either a one-year or a two-year program.

The doctoral degree trains research scholars and future college and university faculty members. The doctoral degree certifies that the student has demonstrated capacity as a trained research scholar in a specific discipline.

Remember: To learn more about studying in the United States, join the discussion at our Facebook page: <http://www.Facebook.com/StudyUSAIraq>

For information about U.S. universities, go to: <http://EducationUSA.state.gov/>

If you have any questions or need help, email to: BaghdadEducationAdv@state.gov;
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Exchange and Cultural Programs:

One way Iraqi students can study in the United States is by applying directly to U.S. universities. However, there are many other opportunities for Iraqi students to study in the United States through programs funded by the U.S. Government, including some programs that are highlighted below. Visit our website to see a complete listing of all the exchange and scholarship programs that are offered at: <http://iraq.usembassy.gov>

The Fulbright Student Scholarship Program in Iraq selects candidates from a variety of academic disciplines to study for a two-year master's degree in the United States. The program funds all costs related to tuition, travel, accommodations, living stipends and health insurance.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program is a nine-month, non-degree program for young teachers of English to develop their skills in the United States. The teachers assist or teach Arabic language courses to American students, while taking coursework in English language teaching and U.S. studies.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a one-year full scholarship program offered to mid-career professionals to pursue graduate-level academic course work and professional development activities. It does not lead to an advanced degree, but participants benefit from challenging studies and activities.

Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP) is a one-month scholarship program for high school and university students to participate in leadership development and civic education in the United States.

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www.Facebook.com/StudyUSAIraq

For more information about U.S. universities, go to:

<http://EducationUSA.state.gov>

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