



Frequently Asked Questions about Studying in the US

When should I start my application process?

It takes approximately one year to complete the admissions process. The earlier you start the less overwhelming it will be. Students who are currently in Lower 6 or Première should begin the application process at this time.

Unlike other educational systems, it is necessary that you apply BEFORE you are finished with your Cambridge HSC or Baccalauréat. Most applications are due by January 1st, so waiting until you get your results will be too late for September enrollment.

How much does a US education cost?

Tuition varies anywhere from \$15,000-\$55,000 US dollars a year.

How will I pay for this? Does the US Government give aid to students?

The US government does not give aid to students. It is the individual school that offers scholarships. These scholarships are given based on need, and or, merit. It is important to submit your financial aid form the same time you apply to the school.

What tests do I have to take in order to apply to an undergraduate program in the US?

The SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject tests which are given six times a year in Mauritius. You can sign up online at www.collegeboard.com

The TOEFL test (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is also required. Sign up online at www.ets.org

How do I prepare for the SAT & TOEFL tests?

There are study guides for sale online at collegboard.com and ets.org. Also, you can sign up to be an Educational Advising Center member where you will have access to study guides, computers and reference books. To make an appointment please call on Tuesdays or Thursdays 202-4444

How many schools should I apply to?

Ten to twenty, the more schools you apply to the greater your chances of acceptance. It is important to set realistic goals, don't only apply to 'competitive' schools. There are literally thousands of wonderful schools to choose from so don't just limit yourself to only 'brand name schools'.

College - University, what is the difference?

None, these words are interchangeable. College is equivalent to university in the US.

How do I get started?

Visit www.educationusa.state.gov

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