



Study Abroad



U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

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Overview



- International education – a large industry. International students contributed more than \$22.7 billion to the U.S. economy in 2013.
- **67%** of international students receive the majority of their funding from sources outside the U.S.
- International students bring valuable **skills and knowledge**, and contribute to advancements in academic fields through research and study.
- The flow of international students also **bridges cultural gaps, facilitates cultural interaction**, and contributes to overall global awareness while harboring good will.
- Over the last five years, the **U.S. Embassy in Kyiv** has issued close to **4,000** F-1 visas.

Overview



- The Department of State has taken a number of steps to expedite and improve the student visa application process to ensure that every applicant is able to begin his/her program of study on time.
- All U.S. embassies and consulates give priority to appointments for student and exchange visitor visa applicants.



Study Abroad. F/M visas



Types of visas

F visas

- For academic studies in an established college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution, or a language training program

M visas

- For non-academic or vocational studies at an established vocational or other recognized non-academic institution (pilot, dance, art)

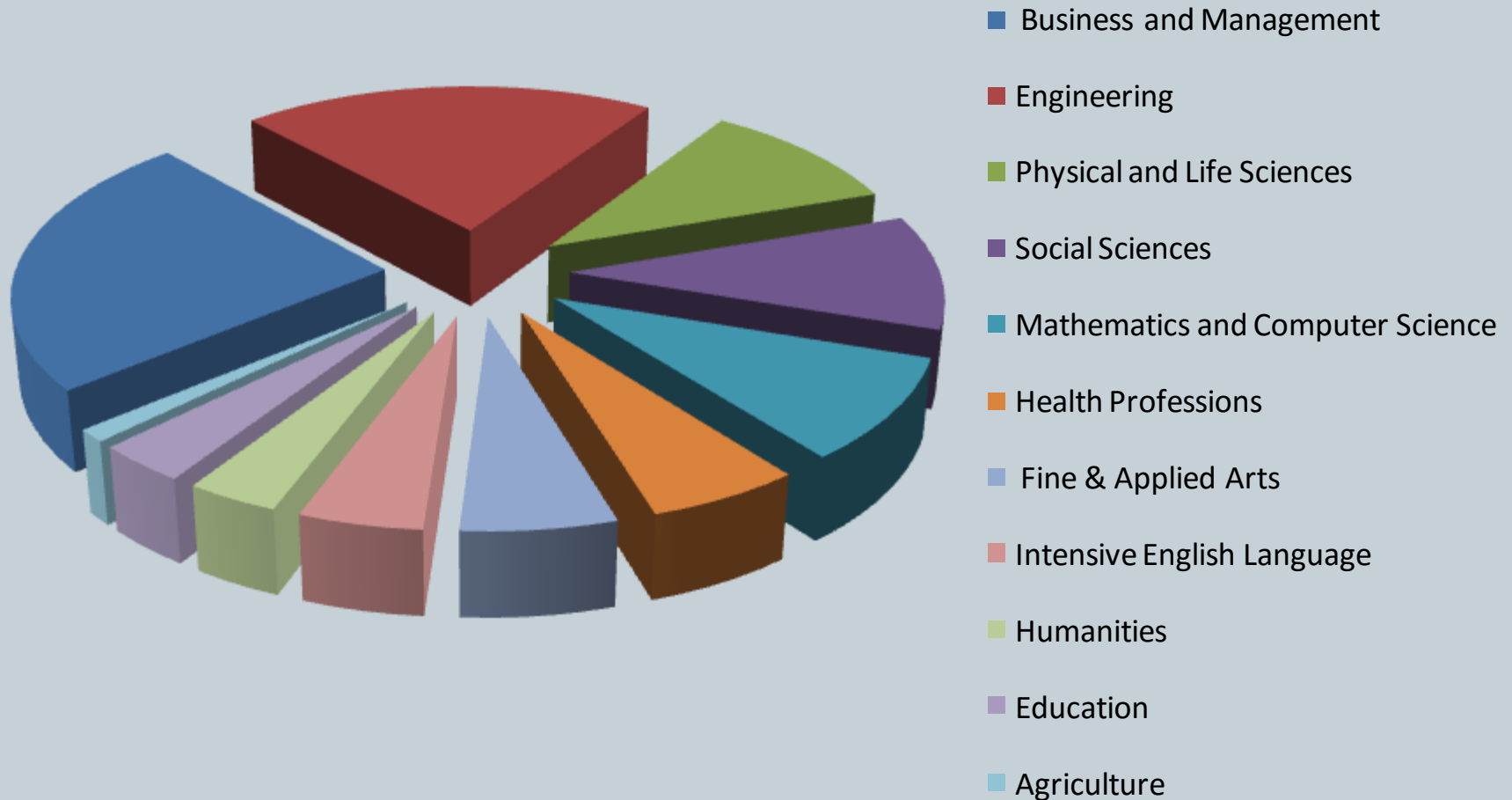


Timing for F/M visas



- Students now can apply for visas **120 days** before their studies begin.
- Students can enter the U.S. **30 days** prior to the beginning of their studies.
- **Academic students (F)** have up to **60 days** for travel after the completion of studies or authorized practical training.
- **Vocational students (M)** can stay in the U.S. for up to **30 days** after they complete their studies, but the whole period of their stay should not exceed 1 year.

Most popular fields of study for international students in the U.S.



U.S. Exchange Programs

These programs promote international understanding by improving American knowledge of foreign cultures while enabling foreign participants to increase their knowledge of American culture.

Intern

Au Pair

Short-term
Scholar

Student,
college/
university

Camp
Counselor

Government
Visitor

Student,
secondary
school

**Exchange
programs**

Alien
physician

Specialist

Teacher

Trainee

Summer
Work/Travel

Professor

International
Visitor

Research
Scholar

Summer Work Travel



The Summer Work Travel Program is a unique program for university students where they spend their summer vacation in the United States working and experiencing American culture.

Most participants typically work in non-skilled service positions at resorts, hotels, restaurants, and amusement parks.



How do I participate in SWT?



There are agencies working with approved U.S. sponsors.
Check our web page to make sure your agency is on the list:
(ukraine.usembassy.gov/exchange-visa.html)



According to Ukrainian law, each local SWT agency must have a license issued by the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.

**Go to the official website of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine:
(www.mlsp.gov.ua/control/uk/publish/category?cat_id=35699)**

What do you need to know?

- Some jobs are prohibited. Please check our web page:



How long can I stay in the U.S.?



- The program start and end dates indicate when you may begin your work and when you must finish your job. You can find this information on your DS-2019 form.





How can I ensure my own safety?

- Make sure you have discussed all aspects of your employment and living conditions with your employer before you sign the contract.
- Read and print out the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act Pamphlet (Wilberforce Pamphlet), which you can find at: (travel.state.gov) English and Ukrainian versions are available.

Know Your Rights
Call one of the hotlines listed in this pamphlet if you need help.

You are receiving this pamphlet because you have applied for a nonimmigrant visa to work or study temporarily in the United States. The purpose of this pamphlet is to help you understand your rights when you arrive in the United States, even though you will be living in the United States only temporarily. You will still have many of the basic workplace rights that U.S. citizens and residents have.

This pamphlet gives an overview of your basic workplace rights. Understanding your rights will help you to protect yourself from abuse. Keep this pamphlet with you in the United States in case you need to reach someone for help.

This pamphlet was also created to help you protect yourself against the most serious abuses, such as human trafficking. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where an employer or other individual, through physical or psychological abuse, causes an individual to feel that he or she is not free to leave the situation. Recognizing that you are in an abusive employment situation is the first step toward getting help.

If you arrive in the United States and have problems at work, you should seek help immediately. Do not believe your employer if he or she says that you do not have legal rights in the United States. Do not accept legal advice from your employer, contractor, or recruiter. Only an attorney representing you should give you legal advice.

If you believe your rights are being violated, the hotlines listed in this pamphlet can help you reach local organizations that can provide further assistance. Do not be afraid to contact these organizations! They are here to help you.

This pamphlet is not a substitute for legal advice. There are many different types of temporary work and educational visas, and you should not be afraid to ask for more information about your visa.

IF YOUR RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED, CALL THESE TOLL-FREE NUMBERS:

National Human Trafficking Resource Center
1-888-375-7888
(24 hours)

Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation Task Force Complaint Line
1-888-428-7581
(Monday – Friday, 9am-5pm Eastern Time)

Are You Coming To The United States Temporarily To Work Or Study?

We Are Confident That You Will Have An Interesting And Rewarding Stay. However, If You Should Encounter Any Problems, You Have Rights And You Can Get Help!

You Have the Right to:

- Be treated and paid fairly;
- Not be held in a job against your will;
- Keep your passport and other identification documents in your possession;
- Report abuse without retaliation;
- Request help from unions, immigrant and labor rights groups and other groups; and
- Seek justice in U.S. courts.

These rights, and others, are explained in this pamphlet.

If you are mistreated or your rights are violated, call these toll-free numbers:

National Human Trafficking Resource Center's
24 Hour Toll-Free Hotline
1-888-375-7888
(Run by a non-governmental organization)

Trafficking in Persons and Worker Exploitation
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If you are in immediate physical danger, Call 911.



Camp Counselors program

This category applies to foreign university students, youth workers, and other specially qualified individuals. Camp Counselors interact directly with groups of American youth by overseeing their activities in a camp setting during the U.S. summer season.

Au Pair



- Through the Au Pair program, foreign nationals between 18 and 26 years of age participate directly in the home life of a host family by providing limited childcare services for up to 12 months.



- Childcare is limited to no more than 10 hours per day, and to a maximum of 45 hours per week.



Intern Program



Interns must be foreign nationals:

- Who are currently enrolled in and pursuing studies at a foreign degree- or certificate-granting post-secondary academic institution outside the United States; or
- Who have graduated from such an institution no more than 12 months prior to their exchange visitor program start date.

Internships are offered in the following occupational categories:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing;• Arts and Culture;• Construction and Building Trades;• Education, Social Sciences, Library Science, Counseling and Social Services;• Health Related Occupations; | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospitality and Tourism;• Information Media and Communications;• Management, Business, Commerce and Finance;• Public Administration and Law; and• Science, Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics and Industrial Occupations. |
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Visa Application Procedure



- **Make an appointment.** Visit (www.ustraveldocs.com/ua) or call (044) 383-8066 in Ukraine.
- **Fill out the DS-160** online: (ceac.state.gov/genniv)
- **Pay the U.S. Machine-Readable Visa (MRV)** application fee of \$160 in UAH according to the exchange rate at a Raiffeisen Bank branch in Ukraine.
- **Pay the SEVIS fee.**

SEVIS



- You must enroll in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.
- The SEVIS fee for F and M visas is **\$200**
- The SEVIS fee for J visas is **\$180**
- You must pay **before** your visa interview.
- Only the **Principal Applicant** pays the SEVIS fee.
- Paid SEVIS does **not** guarantee visa issuance.

I-20 for Fs and Ms



- The **I-20** is a Certificate of Eligibility.
- The school issues it once you have been accepted.
- Every dependent family member needs an I-20.
- An I-20 does **not** guarantee visa issuance.

DS-2019 for Js



- Sponsors issue the **DS-2019** to authorize participation in the program.
- Each dependent family member needs a **separate** DS-2019.
- The DS-2019 does **not** guarantee visa issuance.

Visa Application Procedure

On the day of the visa interview, you must bring the following documents:



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Confirmation

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process:

Passport.

The barcode MUST be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer in this case, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. DO NOT submit the entire application.

Some posts have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

There may be other fees associated with the visa application process. Please check your country's [Recapacity Schedule](#) for any other fees you may owe.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to <http://matamoros.usconsulate.gov/> or <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

Name Provided: [REDACTED]
Nationality: INDIA
Passport Number: [REDACTED]
Completed On: 3 December 2009
Confirmation No: A4000KAR

Location Selected:
U.S. Consulate General Matamoros
Calle Romero 2002
Col. Jardin
Matamoros, Tamaulipas 87330

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U.S. Department of Education
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status: For Academic and Language Students (DS-160 NO. 1125-0073)

Page 1

Please read instructions on Page 2
This page must be completed and signed by the U.S. Sealed School Official.

1. Personal Information

2. School Information

3. Financial Information

4. School Information

5. Financial Information

6. English Proficiency

7. School Confirmation

8. Student Confirmation

9. School Official Signature

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Valid International
passport

Confirmation page of
the visa application
form (DS-160)

I-20 Form
OR
DS-2019 Form +
Medical Insurance

U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

Visa Application Procedure



The screenshot shows the CEAC website interface. At the top, there is a header with the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A language selection dropdown is set to "English". Below the header, the page title is "Nonimmigrant Visa Application". A red box with the number "(128)" is displayed. The "Instructions" section welcomes users and provides a list of requirements: "What you need:" followed by three bullet points about browser requirements (Internet Explorer 8.0 or higher, Netscape 6.2 or higher). A note mentions that download times may vary. Below this, "Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:" are listed in four steps: 1. Enter information into the appropriate spaces in each window. 2. Review the information entered for accuracy. 3. Print the confirmation page. 4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process. A final notice states that the applicant must sign and submit the application themselves. At the bottom, there is a "Start Application" button.

DS-160:

- Please read the instructions before you fill in the form
- Ensure that you entered all information correctly
- Save the application form every 15 minutes or less

Visa Application Procedure



- Other documents may be required depending on the type of the visa you are applying for. Please check for required documentation on the U.S. Embassy web-page at (ukraine.usembassy.gov)
- You may also bring additional documents that you think are relevant. For example: letter from your school, expired international passports, etc.



Useful links



- **U.S. Embassy in Kyiv:** (ukraine.usembassy.gov)
- **Apply for a visa' website:** (www.ustraveldocs.com)
- **SWT U.S. Embassy Facebook:** (www.facebook.com/swtukraine)
- **U.S. Department of State's Exchange Visitor Program:**
(j1visa.state.gov)
- **U.S. Department of Education:** (www.ed.gov)
- **American Association of Community Colleges:**
(www.communitycollegeusa.com)
- **Institute of International Education:** (www.iie.org)

Quiz!



• What is the tallest mountain in the United States?

- Mount Hood
- Mount Rainier
- Mount McKinley
- Mount Rushmore



- At 6,194 meters (20,320 ft) **Mount McKinley**, in Alaska, is the tallest mountain in the United States. In the Athabascan language, it is known as Denali which, translated, means "the great one". Named after former U.S. President William McKinley, this mountain was first ascended in 1913 by an expedition led by Hudson Stuck.

Quiz!

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- Which presidents are featured on Mt. Rushmore?



- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln

Quiz!



- What city is the capital of New York state?
 - Buffalo
 - New York City
 - Syracuse
 - Albany

ALBANY

Quiz!



- What is the smallest U.S. state?
 - Delaware
 - Maryland
 - Rhode Island
 - Maine

- With an area of only 1,545 square miles (4,002 sq km), **Rhode Island** is easily the smallest U.S. state. One of the original thirteen colonies that revolted against British rule during the American Revolution, Rhode Island is known as "The Ocean State".

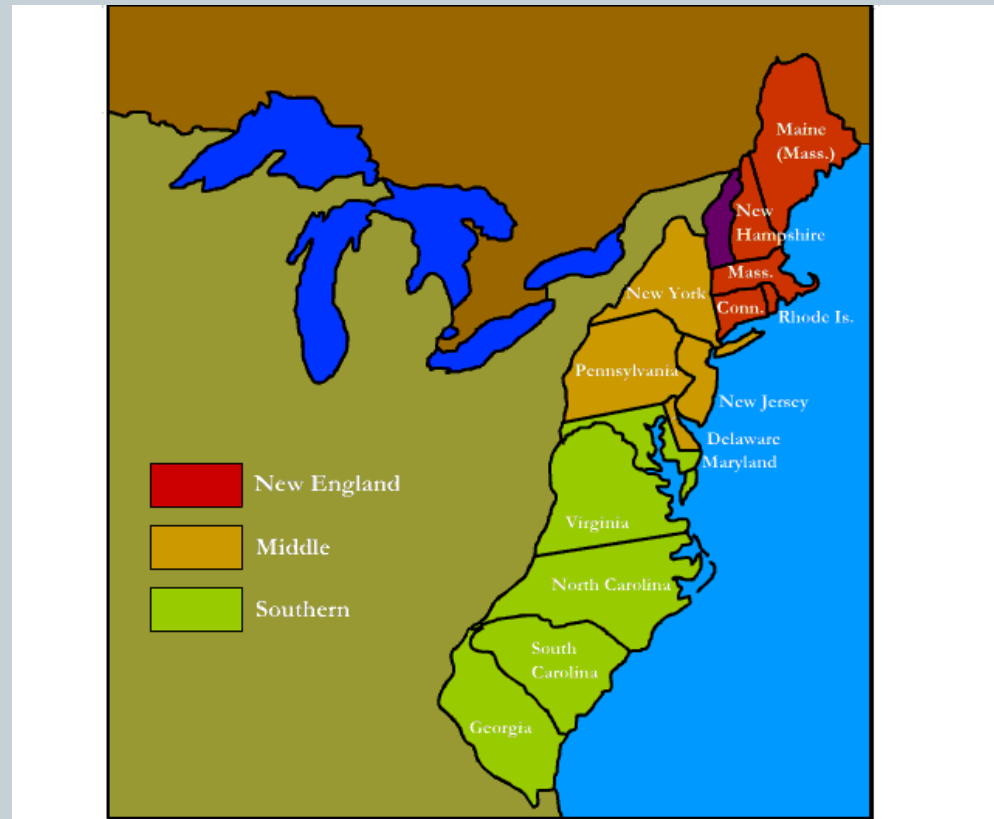
Quiz!



- How many colonies was the United States originally?

- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14

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Quiz!



- How many judges are there in the United States Supreme Court?

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 11
- ☐ 13

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Quiz!



● How many Senators are in the U.S. Congress?

- 50
- 75
- 100
- 150

100



Quiz!



- Who was the 16th president of the United States?
 - George Washington
 - Barack Obama
 - Ronald Reagan
 - Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln

