

# VISA GUIDE FOR STUDY ABROAD



A visa is an endorsement on a passport indicating that the holder is allowed to enter, leave, or stay for a specified period of time in a country. The documentation (very much like a sticker) is placed in your passport which indicates the terms of your entry, exit and duration abroad. The U.S. has different relationships with many countries, so each country's visa process for U.S. citizens can be different.

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COUNTRY	NOTES	Instructions & Materials
ARGENTINA	All U.S Citizens enter as tourists and obtain visa onsite.	Required Reciprocity payment \$160 If program is OVER 90 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Valid passport with Argentine tourist visa stamp</li><li>• Letter of proof of enrollment provided by university upon arrival</li><li>• Police certificate with clean record also done in-country</li><li>• Cash in AR dollars for 600</li><li>•</li></ul>
AUSTRALIA	SFS will provide details about the visa application process.	<a href="#">Australia Immigration Site</a>
AUSTRIA	U.S Citizens can obtain the required D-Visa upon arrival in Austria, Germany, Slovakia or Slovenia - <a href="http://www.austria.org/students-scholars">http://www.austria.org/students-scholars</a>	Required Documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Austrian National Visa Form (D)</li><li>• 2 passport sized photos</li><li>• Valid Passport</li><li>• Letter of Admission from Host or Home Institution</li><li>• Proof of lodging from Host</li><li>• Proof of Medical Insurance from Host</li><li>• Proof of sufficient funds</li><li>• Round trip flight itinerary</li><li>• <a href="#">Consular fees</a></li></ul>
BELGIUM	US citizen must obtain student visa prior to departure by appearing in-person with the Honorary Consulate in Seattle or by mailing proper and entire application to the Consulate General in Los Angeles.  <a href="#">More information about the process</a>	<a href="#">Instructions</a> <a href="#">FBI background check</a> <b>required &amp; finger printing (takes 6-12 weeks)</b>
BHUTAN	SFS participants will have their visa to enter and travel in Bhutan arranged through SFS.	Please refer all questions and concerns about the visa process to SFS.

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<b>CAMBODIA</b>	<p>All SFS participants can apply for their visa in-country upon arrival.</p> <p>Further instructions will be provided upon your acceptance to the SFS program.</p>	<p>Required Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic, scanned, color copy of your passport (biography and signature pages): No Xerox, no B&amp;W, no photos</li> <li>• Passport valid for at least six (6) months after the last day of the program</li> <li>• Six recent passport photographs (4cm x 6cm) – the Cambodian size passport photo is different from the standard US passport size of 2in x 2in, so most drugstore/pharmacy</li> <li>• Locations may not be able to take these photos for you. If that is the case, you should order your photos through <a href="#">this website</a> and make sure you indicate that you need passport photos for Cambodia in the drop down menu on the homepage:</li> <li>• \$455 in cash (US dollars) total – must be new, clean, unmarked, unwrinkled bills!</li> </ul>
<b>CHILE</b>	<p>If the program is less than 90 days, you don't need a visa.</p> <p>If the program is more than 90, you are required to obtain a student visa prior to departure.</p> <p><a href="#">Consulate General of Chile in San Francisco</a></p>	<p><a href="#">ISA Instructions</a></p> <p>ISA will provide you with some documents and you will be responsible for obtaining a medical clearance from your doctor and <b>FBI background check required &amp; finger printing (takes 6-12 weeks)</b>.</p>
<b>CHINA</b>	<p>All US Citizens must appear in-person to apply for their entry visa. The Beijing Center will provide guidance.</p>	<p><a href="#">Instructions</a></p>
<b>COSTA RICA</b>	<p>If the program is less than 90 days, US Citizens do not need a visa to enter Costa Rica. Upon arrival at immigration, be sure to mark you are entering as TOURIST.</p> <p>If the program is more than 90 days, a tourist visa will be issued for 90 days upon arrival.</p>	<p>If your program is more than 90 days, you will be required to renew your visa by leaving Costa Rica for a period of 72 hours. Upon re-entry, you will have another 90 days of stay.</p> <p>Required Documents: Copy of return/departing flight (either to US or another location).</p>
<b>DENMARK</b>	<p>US Citizens apply for Danish Resident Permit during Arrival week.</p>	<p><a href="#">More details about the process</a></p>
<b>FRANCE</b>	<p>All U.S. citizens are required to obtain a student visa for stays over 90 days.</p> <p>This is a 2 step process which includes a visit to the consulate in San Francisco. Both AIFS and IAU have detailed instructions about the process.</p>	<p>AIFS Paris - <a href="#">Visa Guide</a></p> <p>IAU - <a href="#">Instructions here</a>.</p>

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<b>GHANA</b>	US Citizens are required to obtain a student visa prior to arrival which can be done by mail.  <a href="#">More information about the process</a>	<a href="#">Instructions</a>
<b>ITALY</b>	All U.S. citizens are required to obtain a student visa for stays over 90 days.  The GU Study Abroad office will facilitate the application process for GIF students.	<a href="#">Instructions</a>
<b>JAPAN</b>	All US Citizens are required to obtain a student visa prior to departure.  Students can mail or deliver their application to the Consulate in Seattle.  <a href="#">Consulate General of Japan in Seattle</a>	<a href="#">Instructions</a>  The visa application can't be submitted until the Host Institution sends the Certificate of Eligibility.
<b>JORDAN</b>	CET can submit your visa application on your behalf or students can either apply on their own prior to program start.  <a href="#">Consulate General of Jordan</a>	<a href="#">Instructions</a>  Students processing on their own should note that visas are valid from the date they are issued, so students cannot apply for their visa too far in advance (unless they want to pay the elevated fee for longer visa validity).
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	It is advised as US Citizen apply for their student visa prior to arrival. <a href="#">More information about the process</a>	Apply online for the Fee Paying Student Visa.  <a href="#">Instructions</a>
<b>PANAMA</b>	Upon arriving in Panama, US citizens are ordinarily given a 180 day tourist visit. Non-US citizens may, however, require a consular visa.	On your immigration form, you should indicate that you are visiting Panama as a tourist. If questioned by an immigration official, indicate that you are visiting Panama as a tourist.
<b>PERU</b>	Upon arriving in Peru, US citizens are most often given a tourist visa of only 90 days unless a longer period is requested. Students need to state the number of days that they will require to the immigration official upon entering Peru.	Students must double check the number of days they are allotted before leaving the Lima airport as visa extensions cannot be made while in the 8 country. This number will be written both over the stamp in their passport as well as on their tourist visa.
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	Students must apply to the South African consulate for a study permit by filing the application in person in Los Angeles.  <a href="#">Consulate General of Italy in Los Angeles</a>	<a href="#">Instructions</a> <a href="#">FBI background check</a> is required

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<b>SPAIN</b>	<p>All US Citizens are required to obtain a student visa for stays over 90 days.</p> <p>The GU Study Abroad office will facilitate the application process for GU students unless student opts to apply on their own in person at the consulate in San Francisco or Los Angeles.</p> <p><a href="#">Consulate General of Spain in San Francisco</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Instructions</a></p>
<b>TANZANIA</b>	<p>U.S. citizens do not need to obtain a tourist visa in advance of entering Tanzania.</p>	<p>SFS will provided participants further instructions regarding required materials for the tourist visa and resident permit.</p>
<b>THAILAND</b>	<p>U.S citizens must obtain a student visa prior to arrival in Thailand which can be submitted by mail.</p> <p><a href="#">More information about the process</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Instructions</a></p>
<b>TURKS &amp; CAICOS</b>	<p>U.S citizens will be issued a 90 day visitor pass upon arrival.</p>	<p>SFS will provided participants important instructions regarding entry and the visitor visa.</p>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> (Britain, Ireland, Scotland)	<p>If your stay is less than 6 months, U.S citizens can apply as s Short-term Student either prior to arrival or upon arrival.</p> <p><a href="#">More information about the process</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Instructions</a></p> <p>NOTE: If you enter the UK via Dublin, or other airport in the Republic of Ireland, you MUST obtain your visa prior to arrival. You CAN'T obtain your visa at immigration upon arrival.</p>