

HOW TO GET A VISA



I am going to study abroad and need to get a visa... HOW DO I GET A VISA???

Don't worry too much because you are not alone, the visa process can be a tricky experience, therefore this binder is meant to be a guide for students like you. The information was obtained through Embassy websites, but regulations are constantly changing faster than the binder can be updated. Use the following materials as references, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

Note 1: Visa information in this guide is for individuals studying abroad only, and there may be different regulations for students working, interning or volunteering abroad. Please use this guide as a reference only. Be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

Note 2: This guide was updated November, 2014.

How to Get a Visa for Argentina

- If you are studying for 90 days or less, you can enter and remain in Argentina as a “tourist” and will not have to obtain any legal documents.
- If you are staying for more than 90 days, you must obtain a student visa. You can do this with an Argentine Consulate in the U.S.:

- Contact visas@embassyofargentina.us first if you are getting the visa in the U.S, providing name, address, country that issued your passport, type of visa you are applying for, and approximate length of stay in Argentina. They will then contact you within two business days.
- Prior to submitting the visa application to the Consulate, the school/educational institution in Argentina must seek approval from the Dirección Nacional de Migraciones. Migraciones will then inform the Consulate directly to give entry clearance.
- One entry clearance is received, you must produce:

- 1) Your passport: must be valid for length of studies
- 2) 3 recent passport style photographs
- 3) Official letter of admission/enrollment from the University in Argentina you are studying at
- 4) A **COMPLETED** application form (can be obtained from embassy website)
- 5) An official criminal record certificate from each country/city you have resided in during the last 5 years
- 6) Evidence of funds to cover all expenses while in Argentina (e.g. bank statement) and documentation of accommodation arrangements.
- 7) Evidence of sufficient knowledge of the Spanish language to pursue the intended studies in Argentina (except for applicants enrolled in Spanish language courses)
- 8) Birth Certificate
- 9) Visa fee: US \$50. Fees shall be paid with separate money orders (make them payable to the “EMBASSY OF ARGENTINA”). We do not accept cash or checks
- 10) All visa applicants without exception must present themselves in person for an interview.

- Criminal record certificates, parental consent and birth certificate must be authenticated with the Hague Legalization Convention “Apostille”. Go to Embassy website for details.

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How to Get a Visa for Australia

- It is required for all students to receive a visa before arrival in Australia. You need to get the Schools Sector Visa (subclass 571).
- In order to apply for an Australian Student Visa you must first have been accepted by an Australian University and issued an electronic confirmation of enrollment (eCOE).
- Apply on-line at the embassy website
- The application also requires proof of health insurance with Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC).
- The visa fee starts at \$525
- Students no longer need to complete a separate application for work rights because student visas include work rights (max. 20 hours per week).
- If your online application is lodged when you are outside Australia, you **must** also be outside Australia before the visa can be granted. Refunds are not available if you enter Australia on another type of visa before your online application has been decided.

*Processing a visa can take several weeks; therefore allow yourself enough time to obtain a visa before departure. *

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How to Get a Visa for Austria

- If you are studying for 90 days or less, you can enter and remain in Austria as a “tourist” and will not have to obtain any legal documents

- If you will be staying for 6 months or less, obtain a student visa by submitting the following to the closest Austrian Embassy in person (call for an appointment):
 - 1) Complete application (obtain from embassy website)
 - 2) 2 passport size photos
 - 3) Passport, valid for at least 3 months beyond stay
 - 4) Letter of admission into an Austrian University
 - 5) Proof of lodging
 - 6) Proof of medical insurance (letter from insurance company confirming complete coverage during your stay)
 - 7) Proof of sufficient funds for visit (bank statement)
 - 8) Letter of financial responsibility signed by a parent and notarized, unless you are self supporting (you must attach most recent bank or income statement)
 - 9) Copy of itinerary or a round trip ticket
 - 11) Pay the \$127 student visa fee per money order (payable to Embassy of Austria) or in cash (exact change)
 - 11) A self-addressed, prepaid return envelope for return of passport
 - 12) Biometric data (fingerprints) will be done during your appointment at the Austrian embassy

- If you are staying for more than 6 months, obtain a residence permit, more information can be found at the embassy website, noted above.

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How to Get a Visa for Bolivia

- In order to study in Bolivia, you need a Student Visa. This visa is valid for 30 days, and is renewable on an express application processed by the National or Regional Immigration of Bolivia (Dirección General de Migración)

- Go to the Consulate General office to get your visa or apply by mail at least 2-3 weeks before departure. You are required to give these documents:

- 1) Visa Application (on consulate website)
- 2) Passport with at least 6 months validity
- 2) One passport sized photograph
- 4) A \$43 visa fee by money order (Payable to the Consulate General of Bolivia) or debit/credit. Personal checks are not permitted.
- 5) Proof of clear criminal record
- 6) Medical certificate
- 6) School transcript
- 8) Copy of itinerary or travel reservation
- 9) Proof of financial stability
- 10) Acceptance letter to a university or academy
- 11) Pre-paid envelope with return address if applying by mail

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How to Get a Visa for Canada

- If you are studying for less than 6 months, you do not need to obtain a visa
- If you are study for more than 6 months, you must obtain a Study Permit, and satisfy your immigration officer who reviews your application that you plan to leave Canada when you are finished studying, have been accepted at a Canadian University, have enough money to pay for school and return transportation, will be law abiding, have no criminal record and that you are in good health
- The following documents are required:
 - 1) Complete these forms:
 - a) Study Permit application – This is basically a “package” with many essential forms
 - 2) Proof of acceptance to a University (letter of acceptance)
 - 3) Valid Passport
 - 4) 2 recent passport sized photos
 - 5) Proof of financial support (\$850ish a month) by bank and credit card statements, as well as any additional supporting documents
 - 5) Letter of Explanation
 - 6) Pay the \$140 Study Permit processing fee
- The application takes at least 30 days to process. Make sure you apply in advance.

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How to Get a Visa for Chile

- A student visa is required for studying abroad in Chile, submit the following to the consulate before you leave the U.S.A.:

- 1) Valid Passport
 - 2) Application forms typed and in all CAPS
 - 3) Health certificate issued by a doctor saying you are in good health with no communicable diseases (obtained in the last 30 days)
 - 7) Police Record issued by the Federal Authorities stating you have no records nationwide (FBI background check-from last 30 days)
 - 8) One passport photo (2x2 color)
 - 7) Letter or certificate of financial support (scholarship/bank Statement/parents)
 - 8) Letter of acceptance from the Chilean University
 - 9) A visa fee of \$160 paid to the consulate. Pay by money order, debit or credit card (MasterCard or Visa)
- Present these documents to the consulate in person, by mail, by email (consulado@embassyofchile.org) or online. However, Applicants must appear in person for the stamping of the visa in their passports and must bring all original documents.

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How to Get a Visa for China

- If you are going abroad for less than 10 days you need to get the X2 visa, and if you are going for more than 180 days you need to get the X1 visa. by gathering the following and presenting it in person at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, D.C. to apply:

- 1) Completed Visa Application Form
- 2) Passport (valid for at least another 6 months) and one blank visa page, along with a copy of your information page
- 3) One recent passport sized photo
- 4) Original and photocopy of your acceptance letter from your Chinese University
- 5) Visa fee of \$140
- 6) If you are getting the X1 visa, you will need the original and photocopy of "Visa Application for Study in China" (JW201 or JW202).

-The regular processing time for this visa is 4 business days. You can pay extra for express services (2-3 business days or 24-hour pick up).

-With the Student (X1) visa, within 30 days of arrival in China, you will go through residential formalities in the local public security department.

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How to Get a Visa for Costa Rica

- You can stay a maximum of 90 days without a visa. The only thing you need is your passport and a ticket to leave the country.

-You will need to get a visa after you have been accepted into a Costa Rican University. With the permit for students, you do not have the right to hold a job. You will fill out and take all the below paper work to your nearest Costa Rican Immigration Department (Washington, D.C.).

- 1) Passport valid for 6 months beyond intended stay
 - Include a certified copy of all of its pages
- 2) Request letter from the student (include your name, date of birth, nationality, place of residence, occupation, etc.) Include the name of the University you will be attending and a place to receive correspondence while in Costa Rica (address, phone, fax).
- 3) Pay visa fee.
- 4) 2 Passport Photos
- 5) Fingerprints issued by the Ministry of Public Security
- 6) Affiliation Form completed and signed
- 7) Birth Certificate
- 8) Confirmation of enrollment at a Costa Rican University
- 9) Proof of sufficient funds available to support your time abroad
- 10) Criminal Record

- You can also apply at the General Office of Migration in Costa Rica.

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How to Get a Visa for Czech Republic

- Students do not need to apply for a visa if they are going for less than 90 days.

- Students wanting to stay up to 180 days need to apply for a visa. If your school is accredited by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, you will apply for the Student Visa. Otherwise you will apply for the long-term visa for the purpose "other". To apply, complete these steps:

- 1) Completed application found on the Embassy website. Complete this form with a ballpoint pen or a typewriter in blue or black ink.
- 2) 2 recent passport photos
- 3) Original passport with minimum 3 months extension past planned stay, along with a photo copy of the data-photo page of your passport.
- 4) Document confirming sufficient financial funds
 - Ways to confirm: notarized copy of credit or debit card in your name valid for entire stay, original bank statement or a letter from a host or sponsor confirming support of applicant during stay.
- 5) Document confirming the purpose of stay (acceptance into university letter—must be in the Czech language)
- 6) Document confirming the accommodation for the duration of your stay (must be in the Czech language)
- 7) A criminal background history, your signature must be notarized by a Notary Public or signed in front of them.
- 8) Proof of medical and/or health insurance
- 9) Fee of \$114 (cash or money order only)
- 10) Enclose a pre-paid, self-addressed, over-night envelope using a common mail service

- Note: **According to the Law of the Czech Republic, all documents (except the proof of sufficient financial means) must be presented in Czech Language.**

Look at the embassy website for known translators.

-If you are staying for over 6 months, you need to apply for a Temporary Residence Permit. Information about this permit can be found at the Embassy website.

- Also, the Student Visa can take up to 60 days to process, and the Long Term Visa can take up to 90 days. Make sure you plan ahead.

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How to Get a Visa for Denmark

- Students do not need to apply for a visa if they are going for less than 90 days.

- All students staying for more than 3 months must obtain a Residence Permit as a student.

- When applying for a residence permit as a student, the Danish educational institution (the university/school) and the applicant (the student) are each required to fill out separate parts of the form. The applicant must also provide certain documentation.

Here are the steps to apply:

1) The educational institution completes part 2 (sections 10-14) and signs in section 15 (following the instructions given).

2) After completing part 2, the educational institution sends the form to the applicant (the student).

3) The applicant completes part 1 (sections 0-7) and signs in section 9 (following the instructions given).

4) The applicant includes the required documentation: Documentation of paid fee (\$290.98), and a copy of passport (all pages including front page).

5) The applicant submits the application at a Danish diplomatic mission in his/her country of residence.

- You will also need to need to have your biometric features (digital facial image and fingerprints) recorded for use in your residence card. This can be done at a Danish Embassy.

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How to Get a Visa for Ecuador

- Students do not need to apply for a visa if they are going for less than 90 days.

- All students staying for 3 – 6 months need to obtain a 12-IX Tourist Visa.

- Include the following when applying for the visa:

- 1) Passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond stay)
- 2) Recent color passport photo with white background
- 3) Updated police background check
- 4) Proof of financial stability
- 5) Round trip plane ticket
- 6) Fee of \$230 in cash or money order

- All students staying for 6 months – 1 year need to obtain a 12-V Student Visa:

- Include the following when applying for a visa:

- 1) #1-4 above
- 2) Proof of admission to Ecuadorian school
- 3) Certification of legal existence of the educative institution issued by SENESCYT or Ministry of Education
- 4) Fee of \$130 in cash or money order

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How to Get a Visa for Egypt

-All students need to obtain a tourist visa before leaving to study abroad in Egypt.

-Submit the following to the Egyptian Embassy by walk-in or by mail to:

Consulate of the Arab Republic of Egypt
3521 International Court, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

- 1) Completed visa application form found at the Egyptian Embassy website
 - 2) Two recent passport sized photo
 - 3) Passport (valid for 6 months after planned departure) with at least one empty page
 - 4) \$15 fee (money order or cash only)
 - 5) For mailed applications: Stamped self-addressed express envelope for return of passport
- The application process will take around 10 days

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How to Get a Visa for France

- If you are going for less than 90 days, you do not need to obtain a visa.
- If you are going for more than 90 days, you need to obtain a Student Visa.

- Before you leave for France, you will need to register with CampusFrance and then apply for a student visa.
 - 1) Fill out the CampusFrance application at:
<http://www.usa.campusfrance.org/en>
Information about the process:
<http://www.usa.campusfrance.org/en/page/applying-a-student-visa---step-step>
 - 3) It will take about 3 weeks for your file to be completed. When it is ready, you will receive a confirmation e-mail (this will be included with your visa application).
- The next step is to make an appointment with your designated French Consulate (Washington, D.C.) and to bring the required documentation and a copy of every document.
Bring these to the French Consulate:
 - 1) Passport valid for 3 months beyond your last day in France with 2 blank pages, plus a photocopy of the personal data.
 - 2) Copy of school acceptance letter
 - 3) Copy of your CampusFrance confirmation email
 - 4) Receipt of payment issued by CampusFrance
 - 5) Two original application forms for extended-stay visa completed and signed
 - 6) Two Passport Photos
 - 7) Visa Application and Processing fee (can ONLY be paid by credit card)
 - 8) Proof of financial stability (\$820 per month). You can use a bank statement, and you need the original as well as a photocopy.
 - 9) Proof of airline ticket purchase or reservation
 - 10) Proof of residence (Drivers license or Photo ID) and photocopy
 - 11) French immigration (OFII) Form for students wishing to stay in France for over six months (available on the French Consulate website)
 - 12) A self-addressed prepaid EXPRESS MAIL envelope from the US
POST OFFICE ONLY

- After arrival, you will need to register with the local immigration office in France if you had to fill out the OFII form.

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How to Get a Visa for Germany

- No visa is required to study in Germany.
- When you arrive in Germany, you need to apply for a residence permit.
- To apply, you need the following documents:
 - 1) Two Completed Visa Application forms and a Visa Declaration form (found on embassy website)
 - 2) Two passport photos (strict details, see website)
 - 2) A passport valid for 3 months beyond stay, two copies of the data page, and with two blank pages
 - 3) Letter of acceptance to German University, with two copies
 - 4) Driver's license or utility bill as proof of residence in the consular district where you plan to apply
 - 5) Proof of sufficient funds
 - 6) \$92 visa fee

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How to Get a Visa for Greece

- If you wish to study in Greece, you need specific requirements for the visa.

-The following documents are needed to complete the application process:

- 1) A valid passport that is valid for at least 3 months after you plan to leave Greece.
- 2) One passport sized photo (this will be glued on the application form)
- 3) Acceptance letter from the University you will be studying at in Greece.
- 4) Letter from a doctor stating you have no communicable diseases
- 5) National criminal record from the F.B.I.
- 6) Proof of health insurance for the duration of your stay in Greece
- 7) Proof of funds for the duration of your stay in Greece
- 8) Parents bank and credit card statements
- 9) Parents W2 forms for the last 2 years
- 10) Visa fee (They do not accept credit cards, debit cards, or personal checks)

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Hong Kong

-All students must obtain a student visa, if studying for more than 3 months, prior to entering Hong Kong. The amount of time it takes to get the visa processed varies, so make sure you start the process early. It is your responsibility to complete paper work in time!

-In order to apply for a visa, you must have sponsorship at an University in Hong Kong, as you don't apply directly through the consulate-your university will act as your visa sponsor and submit your application to the Immigration Department of Hong Kong.

-Apply for a student visa by submitting these forms:

- 1) Completed Visa Application...it can be found at <http://www.immd.gov.hk/en/forms/forms/id995a.html>
- 2) Attach a recent photograph on page 2 of the application
- 3) Include evidence of your Financial Standings
-latest bank statement, financial aid, certificate of deposits
- 4) A clear copy of your passport that is valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended stay in Hong Kong
- 5) Letter of acceptance from educational institution
- 6) \$160 visa fee

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for India

- All visa processing is now handled through Cox & Kings Global Services.

- You can apply by mail or by walk-in. Obtain and complete the following documents:

- 1) Completed and printed visa application (obtain from embassy website)
- 2) Download and sign the CKGS Declaration and Undertaking Form
- 3) Download the CKGS Disclaimer Form
- 4) Download and sign the CKGS Order Form
- 5) Passport and a copy of passport (must be valid for 6 months beyond end of program and have at least 2 blank visa pages)
- 6) One passport sized photograph
- 7) Proof of Address: submit a photocopy of your driver license or utility bill showing current residence/address
- 8) Admission letter from the University you will be studying at in India
- 9) A letter from Mary Washington with detail of its affiliation and if credit will be earned
- 10) 2 copies of the online document checklist
- 11) Pay the \$115 student visa fee.
- 12) A pre-paid envelope and a copy must be submitted if sent by mail.

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Ireland

- United States passport holders do not need visas to study in Ireland. BUT if you are planning on staying longer than 3 months, you will go to the Garda National Immigration Bureau in the district that you are residing to get permission to stay longer. You will need to submit the following documents to the immigration registrar upon arrival in Ireland:

- 1) A passport
- 2) Student ID card (you will get one with your program when you register as a full-time student)
- 3) A letter of registration from University in Ireland
- 4) A bank statement stating that you have EUR 3,000 or more in your bank account
- 5) Fee of EUR 300 (pay by credit/debit card)

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Italy

- Students studying in Italy need to obtain a study visa.

In order to do so, you need to book an appointment and have these following documents:

- 1) Visa Application Form (from embassy website)
- 2) One passport-sized photo
- 3) Passport valid for 3 months beyond stay
- 4) Proof of financial stability
- 5) Declaration of the availability in Italy of appropriate lodgings
- 6) There is no visa fee for the study visa

- The embassy will take 7-15 business days to process your visa
- Biometrics will be taken through the Visa Information System (VIS).

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Japan

- If you are staying for under 90 days, you do not need a visa to enter Japan.
- If you are staying for more than 90 days, you need a study visa to enter Japan. Submit the following documents in person:

- 1) Visa Application Form completed and signed
- 2) Valid passport
- 3) One photo attached to the application
- 4) Original Certificate of Eligibility Application from the Ministry of Justice in Japan

If you cannot obtain the Certificate of Eligibility Application, Submit these additional documents:

- 1) Copy of acceptance letter from your University
- 2) Proof of financial stability
- 3) One photocopy of all documents

- There is no fee for this visa

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Mexico

- You do not need a visa to enter Mexico if you are staying for less than six months. You will need to obtain a Migration Form, which you can do at the airport.

- If you are studying for more than 6 months, you will need a study visa. You will need to apply in person at the general consulate in Washington D.C.:

2827 16th St. NW
Washington, DC 20009

- Give the following documents:

- 1) Visa Application
- 2) A valid passport with a copy of the pages with your passport information
- 3) One passport photo
- 4) Visa fee of \$36 paid in exact change or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard)
- 5) Acceptance letter of your University. It needs to contain your name, grade level, area of study, start and end dates, and the program cost.
- 6) Proof of financial stability

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for Morocco

- Students do not need a visa if they are staying for 90 days or less.
- Students studying for more than 90 days need a residence permit to extend your stay. This should be done within two weeks of arrival.
 - Obtain this at the local police station at your place of residence
 - Alternatively, If you leave Morocco within the 90-day period and come back, your 90-day period of stay is reset to the full 90 days. (e.g. leave Morocco for Spain then return back to Morocco with the original 90 days).

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for New Zealand

- If you are studying for less than 3 months will not need to obtain a visa. However you are required to show proof of onward travel arrangements and sufficient funds.
- Students studying for more than 3 months will need to get a student visa. Send the following documents to the Embassy in Washington DC:

Visa Application Centre
1120 19th Street NW, Suite No. – 415
Washington, DC. 20036
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- 1) Completed and signed application form (found on embassy website)
- 2) \$235 Visa fee via cash or credit card
- 3) Two passport-sized photographs
- 4) Valid passport
- 5) Confirmation of enrollment at your University
- 6) Proof of financial support
- 7) Evidence of payment of tuition fees
- 8) Evidence of pre-purchased outward travel or sufficient funds to purchase outward travel
- 9) If you are staying between 6 months and a year, you may need to get a chest x-ray done. See the visa requirements for details.
- 10) Police background check

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How to Get a Visa for Peru

- Students do not need to obtain a visa at an embassy or general consulate before going to Peru. When exiting the airport, custom officials are authorized to stamp up to 183 days to each tourist. When you enter the country, you will need to state how many days you will be in-country (as a tourist), and they will stamp your passport for that number of days.
- For Academic Year students, there is an exception. Academic Year students will enter as tourists and are **REQUIRED** to change to a student visa in-country, as it's not possible to extend the tourist visa past the allotted 183 days. Year students will need to renew their student visa during their stay in Peru.

Use this as a reference, but be sure to check with the foreign consulate before applying for a visa.

How to Get a Visa for South Africa

- If you are studying for 3 months or less, you do not need to obtain a visa

- If you are studying for more than 3 months, you need to obtain a student visa. Submit the following documents to the Embassy in Washington DC:

1) Visa Application form completed and signed (found on embassy website)

6) Passport valid for no less than 30 days upon completion of studies

3) Two passport photos

7) Notarized copy of birth certificate

5) Proof of medical report (physical test by your physician)

6) Chest X-ray or TB test

7) Criminal background check

8) Health insurance

9) Round-trip flight itinerary (you need to do a repatriation deposit of \$1,500 by money order if you only have a one-way ticket)

10) Official letter of acceptance to your University

11) Proof of financial stability

12) \$72 Visa fee by money order

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How to Get a Visa for Spain

- If you are studying for 90 days or less, you do not need a visa. If you are studying for longer than 90 days, you will obtain a study visa.

- You are required to have the following documents (ORIGINAL AND COPIED, including the passport) and give them to the consulate general **in person**:

- 1) Visa Application Form
- 2) Passport containing at least one blank page
- 3) One passport sized photos with a white background
- 4) Letter of acceptance from the University
- 5) Health Insurance
- 6) Proof of Financial means
- 7) \$160 visa fee
- 8) Self-addressed and Pre-Paid US "Express-Mail" envelope from the USPS

For stays of longer that 180 days, you must include:

- 1) Certificate of Absence of Police Records issued by the state police. It must bear the "Apostille of The Hague Convention" (contact the Secretary of State of the issuing state).
- 2) Medical Certificate indicating that the student has been examined and is in good physical and mental condition and is free from contagious diseases.
- 3) **UPON ARRIVAL IN SPAIN:** You will have to request an authorization for the completion of your studies as will as the proper student ID card from the Policia Nacional in Spain.

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How to Get a Visa for Switzerland

- Students can stay in Switzerland without a visa for a maximum of 90 days within 180 days.

- Students staying longer than 3 months will need a student visa. Give the following documents in person to the Embassy in Washington D.C:

- 1) Three Visa Application Forms (Type D) completed and signed, with phone number and email address indicated
- 2) Four recent passport photos (very strict requirements, go to embassy website for details)
- 3) Two copies of valid passport
- 4) Two copies of the acceptance letter from your program/University
- 5) Two copies of confirmation of payment for schools tuition fees
- 6) Proof of financial stability (2 copies)
- 7) Two copies of previous diplomas and school certificates
- 8) Two copies of written confirmation that the student will leave after he/she completes the course of study
- 9) Two copies of a resume
- 10) Two copies of a brief essay explaining the students future plans
- 11) Visa fee of \$76 in cash or by money order

***EVERY PAPER NEEDS TO BE SIGNED AND DATED**

- The visa process will take at least 8-10 weeks
- Once your visa has been authorized, give your original passport (and a self-addressed return envelope with a tracking number if sent by mail) to the Embassy so they can give you your visa.

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How to Get a Visa for United Kingdom

- If you are studying for six months or less are not required to apply for a visa.
- If you are studying for 6 months, you will need to have an entry clearance (visa). Also if you are studying for more than 6 months, you will apply for a **Tier 4 (General) Student Visa**.

-To apply for a Tier 4 entry clearance visa, follow these steps:

- 1) Complete the on-line application
- 2) Get biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) taken at a visa application center

Give these documents to your embassy:

- 1) A passport
- 2) 2 passport sized photos with your name written on the reverse side
- 3) Proof that you can support yourself and pay for your course
- 4) Tuberculosis test results
- 5) The cost of these applications will be \$530

*Your documents will usually be sent back within 14 days.

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