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So you have decided to study in the United States. Studying in the United States is a very serious decision for a student to make, and you must consider carefully how it will fit into your educational and career plans for the future.

There are many things that will affect you and your decisions when studying in the United States, please consider what is listed below when making your final decisions.

Define Your Goals:

Studying in the United States is a wonderful experience and can help you toward your professional and personal goals. You should sit down and list all your goals for the future and plan and set your long term goals and short term goals. Your goals should include anything of deep interest to you pertaining to your future college and career. See Goals

Culture Shock

When moving to the United States to pursue your education you will be faced with many changes that will affect you in some way. You should talk to friends and other students who have gone to the U.S to study so that you will be aware of some of the things that may affect you in the United States. See Culture Shock

Money Matters

When considering the cost of attending a college or university in the United States you must include the cost of tuition, living expenses, books and many other items related to school. The tuition for college varies widely from school to school but it is usually the largest single cost for a international student. Colleges vary from tuition of \$2,000.00 for a community college to above \$30,000.00 for a private college or university per year.

Although there are a number of American schools that will provide aid to international students there are limitations involved. You can talk to your educational consultant to find out if you qualify for any of these schools or if they match your college needs.

Getting Started

If you are applying for a undergraduate program within the United States in a 2 or 4 years college or university, you must have completed at least 12 years of school and obtained the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma. If you are applying to study a graduate program such as a masters or a doctoral level program you will need an academic credential equivalent to a U.S bachelor's

degree.

Taking Test

Most U.S. schools will require the TOELF exam for non-native English speakers. You may also be required to take the SAT or the ACT Assessment Test.

SAT Test

The SAT reasoning test is a three hour test that measures a student's ability rather than knowledge. It contains three sections; writing, critical reading and math. The test is mostly multiple choices.

ACT Test

The ACT Assessment test consist of four multiple choice test; English reading, mathematics, and science reasoning.

Student Visa

If your coming to the United States to study. You will have to go to the embassy. You will be told what the polices and procedures are when applying for a student visa. The Consulate for the U.S. Embassy for your country will inform you of specific application instructions. Please See Visas for more information. Also you may visit the U.S. Department of State website

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html