

Frequently Asked Questions to UStudy

About school selection

⇒ **What schools fit my academic/sports background, wishes and budget?**

We cannot tell you right now at this table, but please talk to the different schools currently here at the fair. It depends on your academic background, grades, study and career goals, available budget, test results etc. Please schedule a meeting for a consult with our educational adviser through the calendar on the website.

⇒ **What kind of tests do I need to take?**

It depends on the school and level of studies. Basically every international student needs to take the TOEFL for studying in the US. However, there are some junior colleges which ask no test at all for entrance, e.g. the 5 community colleges of USA CCC, Santa Barbara City College (exhibitors at the fair).

If you are looking to play varsity sport at a high level or look for a merit scholarship you are recommended to take the SAT Reasoning or ACT test when going to an undergraduate program. If you want to go top academic schools e.g. Harvard, Cornell, Middlebury (exhibitors at the fair) you also need to take two SAT Subject tests in addition. If you want to go to graduate school, you need to take the GRE or GMAT (GMAT only for MBA programs) in addition to the TOEFL. No tests are needed if you go to high/prep school.

UStudy can help you prepare for all necessary tests, both in a group session, individual tutor session or through skype.

⇒ **When do I need to apply?**

As soon as possible but every school has its own deadline, ask UStudy! Some deadlines close January 1 of the year you want to start the program. Some are still open for applications up to 2-3 months before the start of the program. Ask UStudy!

Ideally take 1 year for selecting schools and preparing your application file. If you would like to apply to a top academic school or you are looking for an academic or athletic scholarship, start preparing at least 1,5 years upfront.

About cost and funding

⇒ **What does it cost to study in the US?**

Junior/Community College: between US\$ 9,000 – US\$ 25,000 per academic year (average: US\$ 22,000)

Regular four year college or university: between US\$ 17,000 – US\$ 70,000 per academic year (average: US\$ 35,000)

High school/Prep school: between US\$ 7,500 and US\$ 55,000 per academic year at This includes: tuition & fees, housing cost, food, books, medical insurance, small living expenses.

All cost info for international students is available on the website of each school

Factors that determine the cost: location, ranking/reputation of the school, public vs. private schools.

Keep in mind that private schools usually have more merit scholarship money or financial aid available for international students than public schools. This difference is not applicable to athletic scholarships – both affluent at private and public schools (exception: California junior colleges don't give any scholarship money to international students)

About UStudy services

⇒ ***What schools does UStudy work with?***

We work with all 4,500 schools in the US, depending of the needs and wishes of the student. We work for you!

⇒ ***How can UStudy help me?***

We help you through all the steps of selecting schools and applying and including the visa application process. This is a tailor made, personally guided process:

- We suggest schools to you that match your profile and wishes
- We help prepare your athletic and academic profile
- We help prepare for necessary standardized tests like TOEFL, SAT, ACT
- We proofread and edit your essays
- We format a resume for you
- We help recommenders draft and/or translate letters
- We help look for the best financial aid/merit or athletic scholarship packets
- We help with all necessary translation work e.g. transcripts, diplomas, dyslexia statements
- We help with understanding the visa application process
- We maintain contact with athletic coaches and admissions officers at school and try to 'lobby' for your application

⇒ ***What does it cost to use these services?***

It depends of what you want, for example: a 3-hour group session for test prep is 95 euros. Placement in a junior/community college or high/prep school starts at 550 euros. A full service packet for placement of student-athletes with scholarships or placement in top schools would cost up to 3,000 euros. There always is 50% upfront payment and 50% success fee payment.

!--- I always mention that for me these costs eventually greatly reduced my overall costs. In the end it was way cheaper for me and my parents to study in the US than it is now in Amsterdam.---!

Follow-up

⇒ ***Where can I get more info?***

You can refer in your presentation to your profile at our website with you contact details.

It is also good to suggest to contact us at UStudy by sending an email, call us or scheduling a consult meeting with UStudy's educational adviser through the website. We also host informational seminars on a regular basis – check our calendar!
