

## **Looking for a Visa?**

All international exchanges and Study Abroad programs require students to possess a valid passport. Most countries require students on exchange or study abroad programs longer than 30 days to have a student visa as well. You can find your program's country's embassy below. Some countries have an online application, others have a downloadable application, and others require you to contact them for any visa information. If you find any additional information that would make this page more user-friendly for your fellow student, please contact the Study Abroad office in 3019 MacAlister Hall or at [studyabroad@drexel.edu](mailto:studyabroad@drexel.edu)

## **Passports**

If you are a United States citizen and do not have a valid passport, you will need to apply for one through the US State Department. Full details on the requirements are provided with each application form. To obtain a passport, you must complete the application form, provide two current passport photos (which you can purchase at CVS, Kinko's or at Ritz Camera), and pay the current visa fee. You must also provide original evidence of United States citizenship and any previous American passport. You should apply early in order to ensure you have plenty of time to obtain a visa, if necessary. It is possible to apply on line with the US State Department: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html).

NOTE: [U.S. passports are not issued abroad](#).

## **Visas**

Your best resource is the internet. You should start your visa process by reading all the information given on the embassy website. Be aware that each country has different regulations about student visas. You will need to contact the Embassy or Consulate of the country you will be traveling to at least 90 days before travel date. Contact details for the closest embassies and consulates for our exchange and study abroad destinations are below. Also, you can contact any embassy by using the embassy electronic recourse system found at <http://www.embassy.org>. Please note that the consulates listed below are for Pennsylvania jurisdiction. For non-residents of PA, you should confirm with the consulate that your visa can be processed at that location.

Here is a generic list of materials needed for Visa acceptance (each country may have additional information needed to obtain the student visa):

- A valid passport
- A completed visa application form, dated and signed by the applicant
- At least one passport-size photograph, affixed to the application form in the space indicated
- The original Certificate of Eligibility or acceptance from the university or college where you plan to study.

Be certain to photocopy everything and keep a copy for yourself.

## **Australia**

Australian Consulate in Washington DC  
1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW  
Washington DC  
Tel: (202) 797-3145 or (202) 797-3901  
Fax: (202) 797-3040  
Office Hours: 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Monday - Friday  
Embassy Website: <http://www.austemb.org/DIMA>  
Online Student Visa: [http://www.immi.gov.au/e\\_visas/students.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/students.htm)

All students require a visa. Australia has an online visa application! As an American, you should use the online application. Any visa questions you might have must be directed through the Washington D.C. consulate. Applications for student visas generally take from 4 to 8 weeks to process although processing times may be longer depending on the circumstances of each case.

## **Austria**

Consulate General of Austria in New York  
31 East 69th Street  
New York, NY 10021  
Tel: (212) 737-6400  
Fax: (212) 585-1992  
E-mail: [info@austria-ny.org](mailto:info@austria-ny.org)  
Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday  
Embassy Website: <http://www.austria.org>  
Visa Regulations: [http://www.austria.org/visa\\_reg.shtml#uscit](http://www.austria.org/visa_reg.shtml#uscit) and  
<http://www.austria.org/internet.shtml>

All students require a visa. You can find all the needed information on the websites above. Download your application and send it in to the consulate. Everything you need to know is on the website. The visa is free of charge.

## **Chile**

Public Ledger Building  
Suite 1030, 6th and Chestnuts Streets  
Philadelphia PA 19106  
Tel: (215) 829-9520 / (215) 829-9531  
Fax: 215 -829-0594  
E-mail: [cnfilaus@infionline.net](mailto:cnfilaus@infionline.net)  
Website: <http://www.consuladoschile.org/servicesframeset.htm#student>

To obtain a student visa application, the student will call the visa office and give them a fax number accessible to the student. The visa office will fax all the necessary materials for the student to obtain a student visa including a list of requirements and an application. The student will send in all original copies to the address given in the student visa package. Processing takes up to 6 weeks. When they

finish processing your visa, they will call the student and set up an appointment to sign and fingerprint the document. After a payment of \$100, the student will obtain the visa.

### **Denmark**

Royal Danish Embassy New York  
885 2nd Avenue 18th Floor  
New York, NY

Telephone: (212) 223-4545

Fax: (212) 754-1904

E-mail: [wasamb@um.dk](mailto:wasamb@um.dk)

Website: <http://www.denmarkemb.org>

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Friday (Friday 4:30 PM)

Downloadable Application: [http://www.denmark.org/consular\\_services/student.htm](http://www.denmark.org/consular_services/student.htm)

Please get a visa through the New York Embassy. The visa fee will be \$128.00. The website has a downloadable application.

### **Finland**

Embassy of Finland, New York  
NW 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 250  
New York, NY 10017

Telephone: (212) 750-4400

Fax: (212) 750-4418

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Student Visa Information: <http://www.finland.org/doc/en/consular/visa.html>

The application fee is \$68.00. Please call and ask the consulate to send a student application. You do not need to appear in person; however, you must send it in by mail. They are willing to express mail your visa for \$17.00. With your application send two pictures and the university acceptance letter. Anticipate at least a month to process.

### **France**

Consulate General of France in Washington  
4101 Reservoir road N.W.

Washington DC - 20007-2185

Tel: (202) 944-6195

Fax: (202) 944-6148

E-mail: [info@ambafrance-us.org](mailto:info@ambafrance-us.org)

Website: [http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/article.php3?id\\_article=385](http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/article.php3?id_article=385)

Visa application: <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/venir/visas/pdf/visaengl.pdf>

We have found that the Consulate of France is very difficult to contact, so try to allow extra time for the visa process. The student (or "long stay") visa cost is 99 euros. Your best resource is their embassy website.

## **Germany**

German Consulate

871, United Nations Plaza  
(1st Avenue @ 49th Street)

New York, NY 10017

Tel: (212) 610-9700

Fax (212) 610-9702

E-mail: [german-consulate-rk@nyct.net](mailto:german-consulate-rk@nyct.net)

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am to 11:00 am

Student Visa Information: [www.germanyinfo.org](http://www.germanyinfo.org) and <http://www.intstudy.com/visager.htm>

All students require visa. Except for rare instances, you have to submit your application in person. Upon submission of all required documents the application will be forwarded to the Aliens' Office (Ausländeramt) competent for your intended place of residence in Germany. Student visa applications take about 25 days to be processed. After the application has been approved by the Aliens' Office the Consulate will issue a residence permit in the form of a visa. The Aliens' Office requires all residence permit holders to register upon their first arrival. A final residence permit for the duration of your studies will be granted in Germany after arrival. \$40 student visa fee.

## **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong Immigration Department

Fax : (852) 2824-1133

Web site: <http://www.info.gov.hk/immd/>

E-mail: [enquiry@immd.gcn.gov.hk](mailto:enquiry@immd.gcn.gov.hk)

Immigration Tower 7 Gloucester Road

Wanchai

Hong Kong

Tel: 2824-6111

Homepage: <http://www.info.gov.hk/immd>

## **Chinese embassy**

Suite 110 2201 Wisconsin Avenue NW

Washington DC 20007

Tel: (202) 338-6688

Fax: (202) 265-9809

E-mail: [chnvisa@bellatlantic.net](mailto:chnvisa@bellatlantic.net)

Webpage: <http://www.china-embassy.org/visa/english/lq.htm>

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

If you are accepted by a Chinese school, the prospective student would apply for the student visa (X visa) through the Chinese Embassy or Consulate having jurisdiction over where he lives. Proof of acceptance by the school as well as adequate finances would have to be submitted along with the completed visa application forms. A local sponsor must also be nominated. Students are not permitted

to work without the permission of HKID. Read closely the student visa information found at <http://www.chinaconsulatechicago.org/eng/qzhz/>. Visa fee is \$50.00.

### **Hungary**

Hungarian Consulate in New York  
223 East 52nd Street  
New York, NY 10022  
Open from 9:30 - 12:30 Monday - Friday in New York  
Tel: (212) 752-0669  
Fax: (212) 755-5986  
Website: <http://www.kum.hu/newyork/>

In order to receive your visa, send a fax explicitly asking for the Student Visa Application with your name and address. The maximum processing time is two months. The cost is \$60 for a student visa to Hungary.

Hungarian University Application Requirements. Send email to [boston-consul@hungary.com](mailto:boston-consul@hungary.com) or contact directly the college or university of your choice. If you don't know its address, use the Hungary Online Directory

### **Israel**

Consulate General of Israel to Philadelphia  
230 South 15th Street Suite # 8  
Philadelphia ,PA, 19102  
Located on 15th Street between Walnut & Locust.  
Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Tel: 215-546-5556  
Fax: (215) 545 3986.  
E-mail: [info@philadelphia.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info@philadelphia.mfa.gov.il)  
Website: <http://israelemb.org/chicago/consular.html>  
Student Visa Information: <http://www.israelfm.org/images/culture/2006/student.png>

American citizens can stay up to three months without student visa. The embassy prefers to send student visa application directly to the student who plans to study more than 3 months. Contacting the embassy and requesting an application is the suggested method of applying. Fee is \$25.

### **Italy**

Consulate General of Italy in Philadelphia  
1026 Public Ledger Building  
150 South 6th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
Tel: (215) 592-7329  
Fax (215) 592-9808

Email: [visa@italconschicago.org](mailto:visa@italconschicago.org)

Website: <http://www.italconphila.org/>

Your application for a student visa must be submitted within 90 days prior to your departure for Italy. A successful application requires one official visa application form, completely filled out in ink and signed by the applicant, with one recent passport-size photograph. The student visa fee is \$62.50.

## **Japan**

Consulate General of Japan at New York

299 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10171

(between 48th and 49th Streets)

19th Floor: Main Office

18th Floor: Visa / Consular Service

Tel: (212) 371-8222 (24 hours) (212) 888-0889 (Visa / Consular Services)

Fax: (212)755-2851

Email: [visainfo@ny.cgj.org](mailto:visainfo@ny.cgj.org)

Office Hours: 9:30 am to noon, 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm, Phone: Until 5:30pm

Website: <http://ny.cgj.org/en/html/index.html>

Student Visa Information: [http://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/apply-form.pdf](http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/apply-form.pdf)

This information is for the non-exchange student. After acceptance into your program, the college will apply for a Certificate of Eligibility with the embassy for you. The university will send your Certificate of Eligibility to you. Then, download the application from the website. Go to counselor services and follow the link to form 1C. Next, submit by mail or in person a passport, application form, one passport photo, Certificate of Eligibility, and a photo copy of the Certificate of Eligibility to the Chicago embassy. If you submit the materials by mail, it is recommended that you send a fed ex air bill with the student address as both the sender and receiver. Before submitting the materials, please call ahead to make sure you have everything. They are there to help you. Visa's are free of charge.

## **Mexico**

111 S. Independence Mall E, Suite 310

Bourse Building, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tel: (215) 922-3834

Fax: (215) 923-7281

E-mail: [visas@consulmexny.org](mailto:visas@consulmexny.org).

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Website: <http://www.consulmexny.org/eng/english.htm>

Student Visa Information: [http://portal.sre.gob.mx/chicago/pdf/sol\\_visas\\_eng.pdf](http://portal.sre.gob.mx/chicago/pdf/sol_visas_eng.pdf)

Apply in person from 8:00 to 11:45 a.m. Monday to Friday Student Visa is free of charge

## **Netherlands**

Netherlands Consulate in New York  
1 Rockefeller Plaza, 11th floor  
New York, NY 10020-2094  
Tel: 212-246-1429 (phone)  
Fax: (212) 586-7222  
Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Monday - Friday  
Website: <http://www.cgny.org/homepage.asp> and  
<http://www.cgchicago.org/article.asp?articleref=AR00000409EN>

Download the student visa application online. All applications must be made in person. You can apply for the residence permit at the aliens police the moment you have entered the Netherlands. You can only apply in person with the aliens police. The visa cost is \$50.00.

## **Norway**

The Consulate General in New York  
New York, NY  
Tel: (212) 421-7333  
Fax: (212) 754-0583  
E-mail: [cons.gen.newyork@mfa.no](mailto:cons.gen.newyork@mfa.no)  
Website: <http://www.norway.org/VisasandPassports/visas/Visas.htm>  
Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Allow at least two months to process visa. The applicant must be able to finance his/her studies and must have a place to live. Another requirement is that the foreign national must return to his/her country of origin after completing the studies. A study permit does not confer the right to take employment in Norway. However, students may apply for a part-time work permit or a permit to work during vacations when employment would not hamper their schooling. Full-time employment for a restricted period of time may also be applied for. Before a student who is a foreign national may apply for a work permit, s/he must have received a concrete offer of employment. Students who wish to go to Norway must submit a complete plan for their education in Norway. In order to renew a residence permit, a student must prove that he or she has satisfactory study progression. When assessing study progression, the guidelines from the State Education Loan Fund will normally be used.

## **Singapore**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Tanglin, Singapore 248163  
Email: [mfa@mfa.gov.sg](mailto:mfa@mfa.gov.sg)  
Tel: (65) 6379 8000  
Tel in Washington DC: (202) 537-3100  
Fax: (65) 6474 7885 / 1-800- 476 8870  
Website: [http://www.mfa.gov.sg/consular/visa/idx\\_visaFor.htm](http://www.mfa.gov.sg/consular/visa/idx_visaFor.htm)  
Application: [http://app.ica.gov.sg/serv\\_visitor/download.asp](http://app.ica.gov.sg/serv_visitor/download.asp)

Be certain when you go to Singapore you have a valid passport because all visa processing takes place in Singapore. The university in Singapore will apply for the student visa for the student. \$20 student visa.

### **South Korea**

Consulate General of The Republic of Korea  
335 E. 45th St.(4th Fl.)  
New York, NY 10017  
Tel: (646) 674-6000 or (212) 692-9120  
Fax:(646)674-6023  
Website: <http://www.koreaembassyusa.org/>

Application requires visa application forms with passport sized photos. Student visa cost is \$45.

### **Spain**

Consulate General of Spain in New York  
150 East 58th Street, New York NY 10155 -U.S.A.  
Tel:212/ 355-4080  
Fax.: 212/644-3751  
E-mail: [cog.nuevayork@mae.es](mailto:cog.nuevayork@mae.es)  
Website: <http://www.maec.es/consulados/nuevayork/en/home> <http://www.spainconsul-ny.org/!consula.doi/!visastu.htm>  
Office Hours: 9a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday

They do not give out appointments for student visa. Personal appearance is required in order to submit the application. Due to the overwhelming demand at this time of the year you must arrive at the Consulate by 9:00 am.

### **Turkey**

Consulate General of Turkey New York  
821 United Nations Plaza  
New York, NY 10017  
Tel: 212) 949-0160 (4)  
Fax: (212) 983-1293  
Website: [www.trconsulate.org](http://www.trconsulate.org) / [www.e-konsolosluk.net](http://www.e-konsolosluk.net)  
Email: [tcbkny@broadviewnet.net](mailto:tcbkny@broadviewnet.net)  
By phone: 3:00pm - 5:00pm Mon - Fri  
Visa Section: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mon – Fri  
Walk-ins for visa applications: 2:00pm - 4:00pm Mon – Fri

Those traveling to Turkey for educational purposes are required to carry a visa. A student may complete an application form and submit it to this Consulate General at least six weeks before departure. An official acceptance letter from the high school or university in Turkey and a consular fee of \$100 US must be included. Please note that within one month of arriving in Turkey, students must apply for a

residency permit at a local law enforcement agency (Emniyet Mudurlugu). Please [click here to download education visa application form](#).

### **United Kingdom**

British Consulate-General

845 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10022

Tel: (212) 745-0200

Fax: (212) 754-3062

Websites: <http://www.britainusa.com/ny/>

Applications [http://www.britainusa.com/visas/guidance/Study\\_in\\_the\\_UK.asp](http://www.britainusa.com/visas/guidance/Study_in_the_UK.asp)

United States Citizens are not required to obtain a visa when studying in the United Kingdom. However they will need a valid US Passport and a dated letter of acceptance that proves you have been accepted to study with a university to obtain the proper stamp at entry. Non-United States Citizens need to contact a British Consulate that has jurisdiction over your place of residence to see whether or not a visa is required. The Consulate will be able to assist you with specific visa instructions and requirements. It is recommended that you start this process immediately (allow two months). \$162 fee.