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Your 5 Steps  
to U.S. Study



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We have developed this information to assist your aspiration to study at a U.S. college. You can start preparing your applications by:

**U**nderstanding and learning the process of applying to U.S. colleges. Start by reviewing [Your 5 steps to U.S. study](#), and remember—‘college’ and ‘university’ are interchangeable terms in the U.S. tertiary education system.

**S**earching for and refining a list of U.S. colleges to which you’d like to apply. This will take time as you conduct your research and learn how to best identify suitable institutions.

**A**sking for help:

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- [Bookmark our website](#) and refer to the plethora of information available to you when needed
- Contact your region’s EducationUSA office if you have questions, or to request a meeting with an EducationUSA adviser for individual assistance
- Approach your school’s career practitioner for assistance and support. If the U.S. college application process is new to your career practitioner, invite them to contact their closest EducationUSA office for more information

And finally, create a plan, get organized and enjoy the challenge of the U.S. application process!

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