

The International Student's Guide to

ATTENDING UNIVERSITY IN THE U.S.



RESEARCH

✓ RESEARCH THE SCHOOL'S CULTURE

- What's the social scene like? Is it big on sports? Is it a big/small school?
- What's the alumni network like? Will they be good connections post-grad?
- What's it like outside of campus in the city/state the school is in?

✓ RESEARCH ITS ACADEMICS

- Does the school offer the program of study you want to pursue?
- How rigorous are the classes? What are the class sizes?

✓ RESEARCH THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF ATTENDING

- What's included in tuition and room and board? What's the local cost of living?

PLANNING

✓ DECIDE IF YOU WANT A U.S. BANK ACCOUNT OR CREDIT CARD

✓ LOOK INTO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMING TO THE U.S.

✓ SELECT A MOBILE PHONE PLAN PROVIDER

- Order a SIM card 1-3 months ahead of your flight to the U.S.
- Select your mobile phone plan and get your U.S. phone number

✓ CONFIRM YOUR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Reach out to your roommate and agree to dorm room rules

✓ RESEARCH INSURANCE PROVIDERS AND SIGN UP FOR A PLAN

✓ REACH OUT TO YOUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE

ARRIVAL

✓ START PACKING

- **BRING:** clothes, sentimental items, medications, personal electronics (mobile phone, laptop, tablet)
- **LEAVE:** things that are cheaper in the U.S. such as bath products, organizational tools or bed linens

✓ GET YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES, RENT TEXTBOOKS, AND ENSURE YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY

✓ REMEMBER TO BRING IMPORTANT ARRIVAL DOCUMENTS AND COPIES OF THOSE DOCUMENTS

✓ COORDINATE YOUR TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO CAMPUS

✓ DOWNLOAD APPS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER AS A STUDENT IN THE U.S.

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