



Study Abroad



U.S. Embassy Kyiv, Ukraine

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Overview



- International education – a large industry. International students contributed nearly \$20 billion to the U.S. economy during the 2009-2010 academic year.
- **67%** of international students receive the majority of their funding from sources outside the U.S.
- International students bring valuable **skills and knowledge**, and contribute to advancements in academic fields through research and study.
- The flow of international students also **bridges cultural gaps, facilitates cultural interaction**, and contributes to overall global awareness while harboring good will.
- In Fiscal Year 2012, the Department issued **810,662** student, exchange and vocational visas (F, M and J visas).
- For the last five years **Ukraine** issued around **3,000** F-1 visas.

Overview



- The Department of State has taken a number of steps to expedite and improve the student visa application process to ensure that every applicant is able to begin his/her program of study on time.
- All U.S. embassies and consulates give priority to appointments for student and exchange visitor visa applicants.
- Wait times for student visa interview appointments in Ukraine is 5 calendar days.



Study Abroad. F/M visas



Types of visas

F visas

- For academic studies in an established college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution, or a language training program

M visas

- For non-academic or vocational studies at an established vocational or other recognized non-academic institution (pilot, dance, art)



Study Abroad. F/M visas



- Students now can apply for visas **120 days** before their studies begin.
- Students can enter the U.S. **30 days** prior to the beginning of their studies.
- **Academic students (F)** have up to **60 days** for travel after the completion of studies or authorized practical training.
- **Vocational students (M)** can stay in the U.S. for up to **30 days** after they complete their studies, but the whole period of their stay should not exceed 1 year.

U.S. Exchange Programs

These programs promote international understanding by improving American knowledge of foreign cultures while enabling foreign participants to increase their knowledge of American culture.

Intern

Au Pair

Short-term
Scholar

Student,
college/
university

Government
Visitor

Camp
Counselor

Student,
secondary
school

Alien
physician

Exchange
programs

Specialist

Trainee

Teacher

Summer
Work/Travel

Professor

International
Visitor

Research
Scholar

Summer Work and Travel



The Summer Work and Travel Program is a unique program for university students where they spend their summer vacation in the United States working and experiencing American culture.

Most participants typically work in non-skilled service positions at resorts, hotels, restaurants, and amusement parks.





Camp Counselors program

This category applies to foreign university students, youth workers, and other specially qualified individuals. Camp Counselors interact directly with groups of American youth by overseeing their activities in a camp setting during the U.S. summer season.

Au Pair

- Through the Au Pair program foreign nationals between 18 and 26 years of age participate directly in the home life of a host family by providing limited childcare services for up to 12 months.



- Childcare is limited to no more than 10 hours per day, and to a maximum of 45 hours per week.

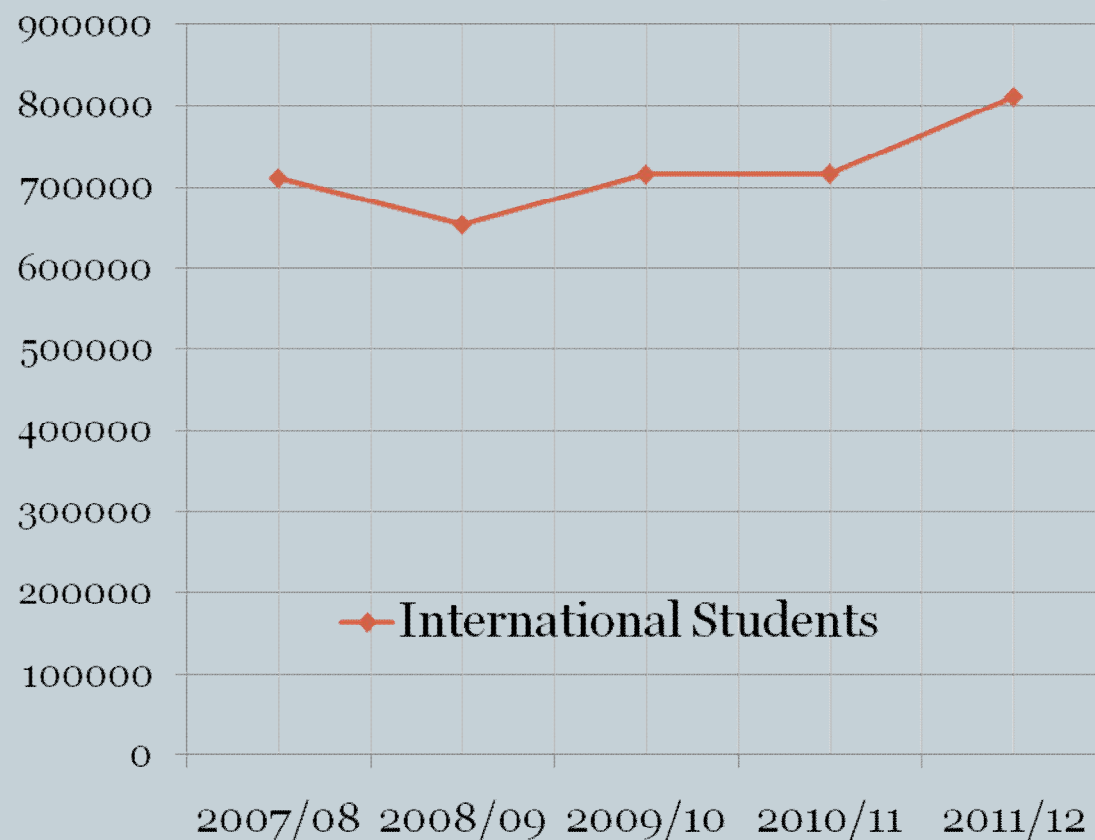


What do I need to know about J visas?



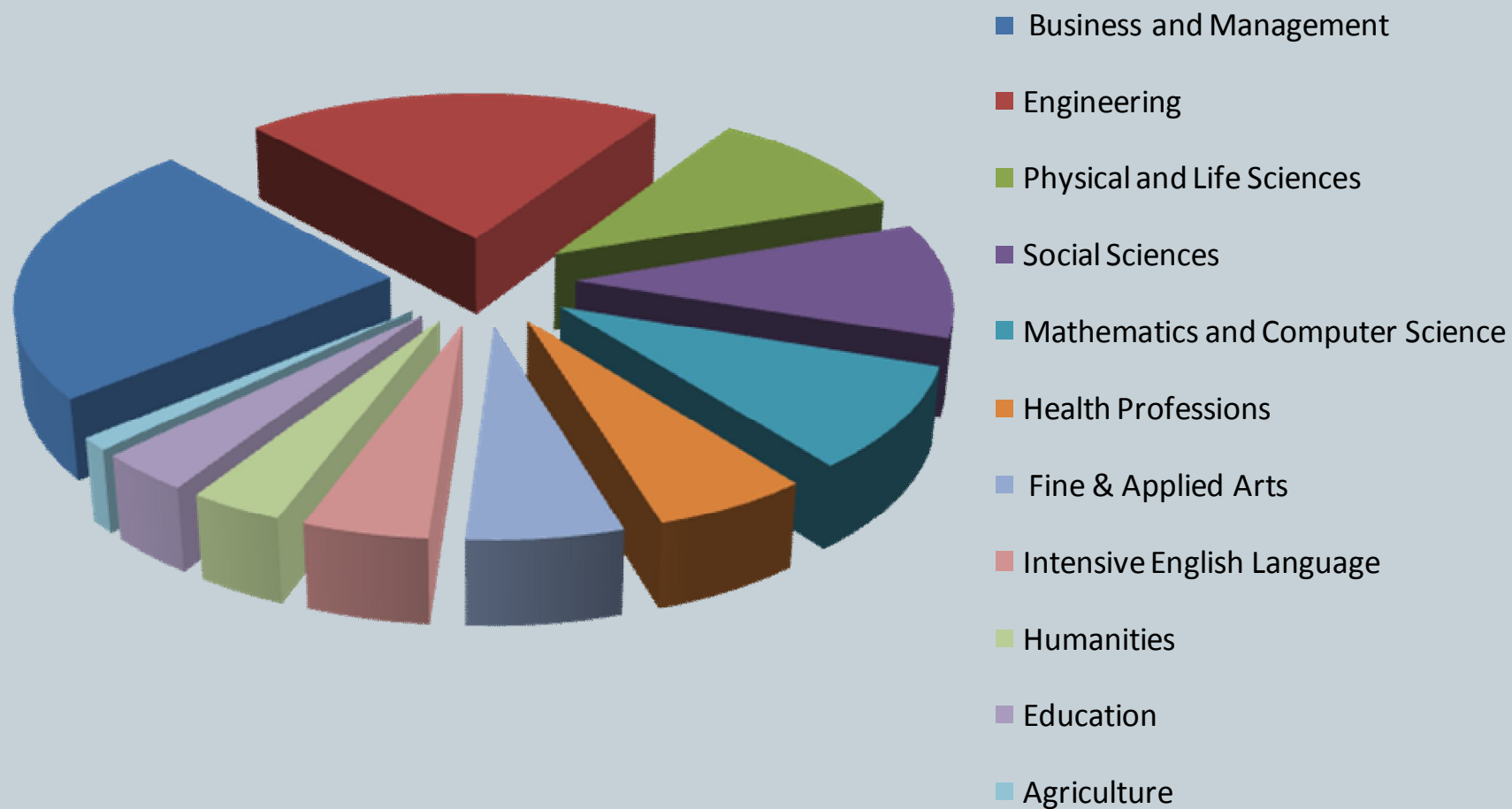
- To participate in exchange visitor program you may need to contact the U.S. sponsor organizations directly to receive DS-2019. However, it is likely that if you contact the U.S. sponsors, they might redirect you to their partners in Ukraine.
- The program start and end dates on the DS-2019 form indicate days when you may begin your exchange visitor program and when you must finish studies.
- Exchange visitors may remain in U.S. for up to **30 days** for sightseeing (grace period) after completion of the exchange program.

International Student and U.S. Higher Education Enrollment



Year	Number of International students who received F,M,J visas worldwide
2007/08	710 633
2008/09	654 062
2009/10	715 207
2010/11	716 064
2011/12	810 662

Most popular fields of study for international students in the U.S.



Visa Application Procedure



- **Make an appointment.** Visit <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ua> or call **(044) 383-8066** in Ukraine.
- **Fill out the DS-160** online: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
- **Pay U.S. Machine-Readable Visa (MRV)** application fee of \$160 in UAH according to the exchange rate at a Raiffeisen Bank branch in Ukraine.
- **Pay SEVIS fee** unless you are participating in a federally sponsored program that has a program code starting with G-1, G-2, G-3, or G-7.

Visa Application Procedure

On the day of the visa interview, you must bring the following documents:



Valid International
passport

Confirmation page of
the visa application
form (DS-160)

I-20 Form
OR
DS-2019 Form +
Medical Insurance

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Visa Application Procedure

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) Nonimmigrant Visa Application page. The header includes the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A language selection dropdown is set to "English". The page title is "Nonimmigrant Visa Application". Below the title is a red box containing the number "(128)". The "Instructions" section welcomes users and provides a list of requirements: "What you need:" followed by three bullet points: "Your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled.", "The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 8.0 service pack 2 or higher.", and "The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 8.2 or higher." A note states: "Note: The time to download each page may vary depending on the speed of your Internet connection. Please be patient." The "Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:" section lists four steps: "1. Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces in each window. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters, except when you are asked to provide your full name in your native alphabet. Letters like ñ, ã, ü, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémonin as Muñoz and Semonin, unless otherwise asked.", "2. Review the information you entered for accuracy.", "3. Print the confirmation page.", and "4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process." A notice at the bottom states: "Notice: 22 C.F.R. § 41.103 requires an applicant to sign and submit his or her own Nonimmigrant Visa Application unless otherwise exempt. Although the applicant may receive assistance from a third party in preparing the application, the applicant is required to click the 'Sign Application' button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application." A "Start Application" button is located at the bottom of the page.

DS-160:

- Please read the instructions before you fill in the form
- Ensure that you entered all information correctly
- Save the application form every 15 minutes or less

Visa Application Procedure



- Other documents may be required depending on the type of the visa you are applying for. Please check for required documentation on the U.S. Embassy web-page at <http://ukraine.usembassy.gov/>



- You may also bring additional documents that you think are relevant. For example: letter from your school, expired international passports, etc.

Useful links



- ukraine.usembassy.gov - U.S. Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine
- <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/> - Department of Homeland Security, Student and Exchange Visitor programs
- www.educationusa.info – EducationUSA, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State
- www.ed.gov – U.S. Department of Education
- www.communitycollegeusa.com – American Association of Community Colleges
- www.edupass.org – eduPASS, the Smart Student guide to Studying in the USA
- www.iie.org – Institute of International Education