Visa Information for Washington College Students Studying Abroad Spring 2012

The below list was compiled by the Office of International Programs on October 27, 2011. Due to ongoing updates and changes, please make sure you are accessing the most current and up-to-date information. If you are having trouble with your visa, please contact Kate McCleary (kmccleary2@washcoll.edu or 410-810-7470).

What is a visa? A visa is an official authorization appended to a passport (or passport number), permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period of time to do a specific thing (i.e. study, work, be a tourist).

Once accepted by your host university, they will provide required documentation for you to present when applying for your visa. The Office of International Programs will also provide you with supporting documentation at the Pre-Departure Orientation.

If you run into serious difficulties obtaining a passport or visa, you may be able to solicit the assistance of a private passport/visa agency. For a fee, they can expedite often your application and assist with the process. Some of these agencies include Travisa, A Briggs Passport & Visa Expeditors, Perry International, VisaRite, or Passport Express. Washington College does not and cannot endorse any of these agencies; we have simply heard that they provide visa services. Please do some research before you choose one of these agencies. *NOTE: Not all countries permit applicants to use a visa agency. If your destination country requires visa applicants to appear in-person to apply for a visa, you will not be able to utilize the services of a visa agency.*

Argentina

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.embassyofargentina.us/v2011/en/consularsection/tramites/studentvisa.htm
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.embassyofargentina.us/v2011/en/consularsection/tramites/studentvisa.htm#unitedstates
- Visa Information Website: http://www.embassyofargentina.us/v2011/en/consularsection/news.htm#visas
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.embassyofargentina.us/v2011/en/home.htm

- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.embassyofargentina.us/v2011/en/consularsection/argentineanconsulatesintheusa/main.htm

Australia

- Student Visa Information Website:
- http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/
- http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/573-1/eligibility-student.htm
- Visa Information Website: http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/Visas_and_Migration.html
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/home.html
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.embassy.gov.au/#u

Brazil

- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.brasilemb.org/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://washington.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/consular_and_visa_services.xml
- Visa Information Website: http://www.consbrasdc.org/english/service.asp?id_en_service=14
- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.consbrasdc.org/english/article.asp?id=11
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.consbrasdc.org/english/article.asp?id=11

Denmark

- Student Permit Requirements: http://usa.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/studying-in-denmark/
- Student Permit Information Website: http://usa.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/studying-in-denmark/
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://usa.um.dk/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://usa.um.dk/en/denmark-in-us/

- Visa Information Website: http://usa.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/visa/

Ecuador

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/serviciosconsulares_visas_12V_e.php
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/serviciosconsulares_visas_12V_e.php
- Visa Information Website: http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/serviciosconsulares_visas_e.php
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/index_e.php
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.ecuador.org/nuevosite/contactenos_e.php

Egypt

- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.egyptembassy.net/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.egyptembassy.net/consulate.html
- Visa Information Website: http://www.egyptembassy.net/service_visa.html
- Visa Requirements: http://www.egyptembassy.net/service_visa.html

Finland

- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: Displayed at the top of the home page
- Visa Information Website: http://www.finland.org/public/default.aspx?nodeid=35854&contentlan=2&culture=en-US
    - Students need to go to the Swedish Embassy in DC to receive their Visa, they do not give Visas at the Finnish Embassy in DC

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.finland.org/public/default.aspx?nodeid=40963&contentlan=2&culture=en-US
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.finland.org/public/default.aspx?nodeid=40966&contentlan=2&culture=en-US

France

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/spip.php?article385
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.usa.campusfrance.org/en/page/applying-a-student-visa-%E2%80%93-step-step
- Visa Information Website: http://www.consulfrance-washington.org/spip.php?rubrique98
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://ambafrance-us.org/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://ambafrance-us.org/spip.php?article330

Germany

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05__Legal/02__Directory__Services/01__Visa/__Study__Visa.html
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05__Legal/02__Directory__Services/01__Visa/__Study__Visa.html
- Visa Information Website: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05__Legal/02__Directory__Services/01__Visa/__Visa.html
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.germany.info/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.germany.info/Vertretung/usa/en/05__Legal/01__Consulate__Finder/__Consulate__Finder.html

Hong Kong

- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/zmzlglj/t84229.htm
- Visa Information Website: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/xgqz/
- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/xgqz/t84250.htm
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/fvisit.htm

Ireland

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Visa%20Types
- Student Visa Requirements: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study,%20Research%20or%20Exam#Study
- Visa Information Website: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Irish%20Visa%20Information
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.embassyofireland.org/home/index.aspx?id=30782
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.embassyofireland.org/home/index.aspx?id=83280

Israel

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/About+the+Ministry/Consular_affairs/Visas.htm#A/2
- Student Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Visa Information Website: http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/About+the+Ministry/Consular_affairs/Visas.htm
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.israelemb.org/index.php/contact-us#missions

Italy

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.esteri.it/visti/home_eng.asp
- Student Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Washington/Menu/Informazioni_e_servizi/La_rete_consolare/

Japan

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/visa/main.htm
- Student Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Visa Information Website: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/travel_and_visa/travel_and_visa_index.htm
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/english/html/index.html
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jicc/consulate-guide.html

Morocco

Morocco currently does not require a special student visa for students, but when you arrive to Al Akhawayn University you will have to fill out a residency form, which will be provided through the school.

- Visa Information Website: http://www.moroccanconsulate.com/visa.cfm
- Visa Information Website: Included on the above page
- Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.moroccanconsulate.com/

Peru

As of October 27, 2011, Peru does not require students to get a visa. Students can enter on a tourist visa which they can hold for up to 180 days. There is no fee for the entry permit

- Visa Information Website: http://peru.visahq.com/ You receive a Visa when you enter the country and you can request that the Visa issued at the airport be for the length of your stay.
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.embassyofperu.org/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.consuladoperu.com/

South Africa

- Resident Permit Information Website: http://www.southafrica-newyork.net/homeaffairs/trp.htm
- Study Permit Requirements: http://www.southafrica-newyork.net/homeaffairs/permit_study.htm
- Visa Information Website: http://www.southafrica-newyork.net/homeaffairs/visitorsvisa.htm
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.saembassy.org/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: Information on the left hand side of the homepage

South Korea

- Visa Information Website: http://www.dynamic-korea.com/consulate_service/visa.php
- Student Visa Information Website: Included in the above page
- Student Visa Requirements: Included in the above page
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.dynamic-korea.com/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://www.dynamic-korea.com/consulate_service/information2.php

Spain

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.maec.es/subwebs/Consulados/Washington/en/MenuPpal/ServiciosConsulares/RequirementsEntrSpainVisas/Paginas/visas_emblondon.aspx#sec1 Look at "Long-Term" visas and then click on the Spanish-English application.
- Student Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Visa Information Website: http://www.maec.es/subwebs/Consulados/Washington/en/MenuPpal/ServiciosConsulares/RequirementsEntrSpainVisas/Paginas/visas_emblondon.aspx
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.maec.es/subwebs/Embajadas/Washington/en/home/Paginas/Home.aspx
- Website for Consulates in the US: (booking appointments can be tough so do not wait to the last minute to plan your appointment if needed) http://www.maec.es/subwebs/Embajadas/Washington/en/MenuPpal/Consulares/Paginas/Consular%20Services.aspx

Turkey

- Student Visa Information Website: http://www.washington.emb.mfa.gov.tr/ConsularServices.aspx?ID=6
- Student Visa Requirements: Included on the above page
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://www.washington.emb.mfa.gov.tr/default.aspx
- Website for Consulates in the US: http://www.washington.emb.mfa.gov.tr/ContactInfo.aspx
- Visa Information Website: http://www.washington.emb.mfa.gov.tr/ConsularServices.aspx
- Blog that has all information on residency permit and what to do when you arrive in Turkey: http://boun101.blogspot.com/?view=mosaic

United Kingdom: England and Scotland (Studying under six months, NO internship)

Students studying in the UK for LESS THAN 6 MONTHS can enter the country as a *student visitor* and you DO NOT need a visa. You do still need to provide documentation at the airport to be admitted as a *student visitor*.

- Student Requirements: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/student/
- Student entry requirements for a stay less than 6 months: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/visiting/student/documents/
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/our-embassy/contactus

United Kingdom: England and Scotland (Studying over six months or having an internship)

Students staying over six months or having a paid internship must get a Student Visa.

- Student Visa Requirements - more than 6 months: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/countries/usa/applying/?langname=UK English
- Embassy in Washington D.C. Website: http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/
- Website for other Embassy Offices in the US: http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/our-embassy/contactus