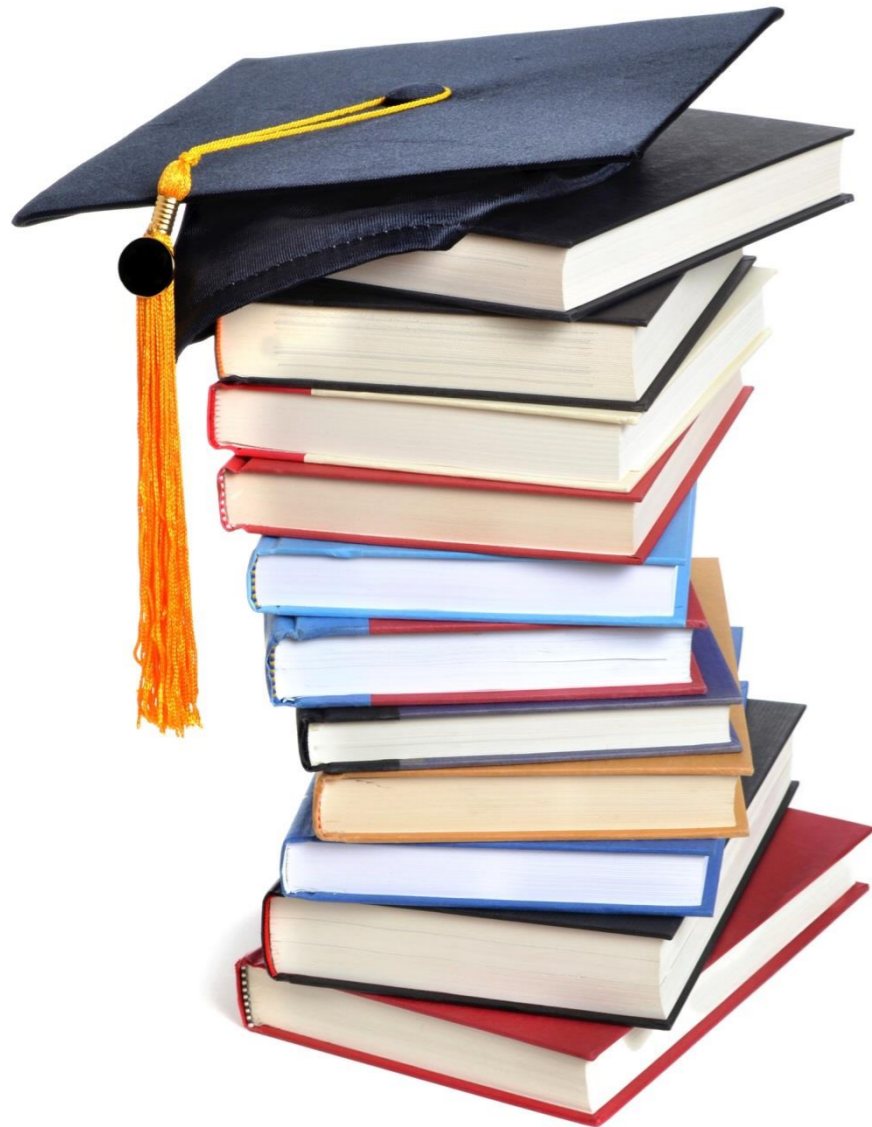


Studying in the United States

The Undergraduate Admissions Process



Agenda



What is EducationUSA?

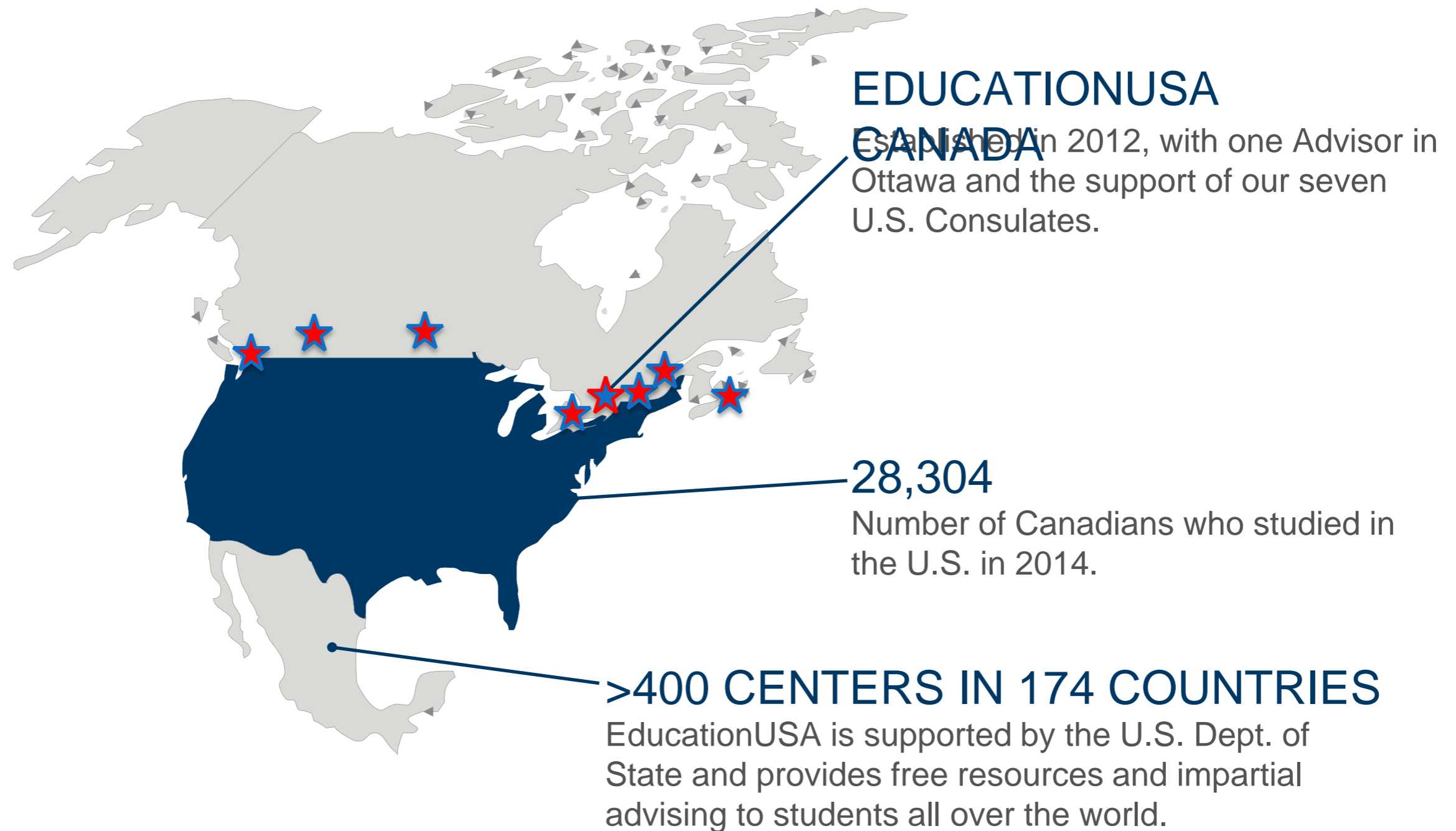
Why do Canadians Study in the U.S.?

EducationUSA 5 Steps

Upcoming Events

EducationUSA Canada

5th Largest Sender of Students to the U.S.



Why study in the U.S.?

Reasons Canadians Study in the U.S.



Athletic Scholarships

Personal Connections/Proximity

Diversity of Options

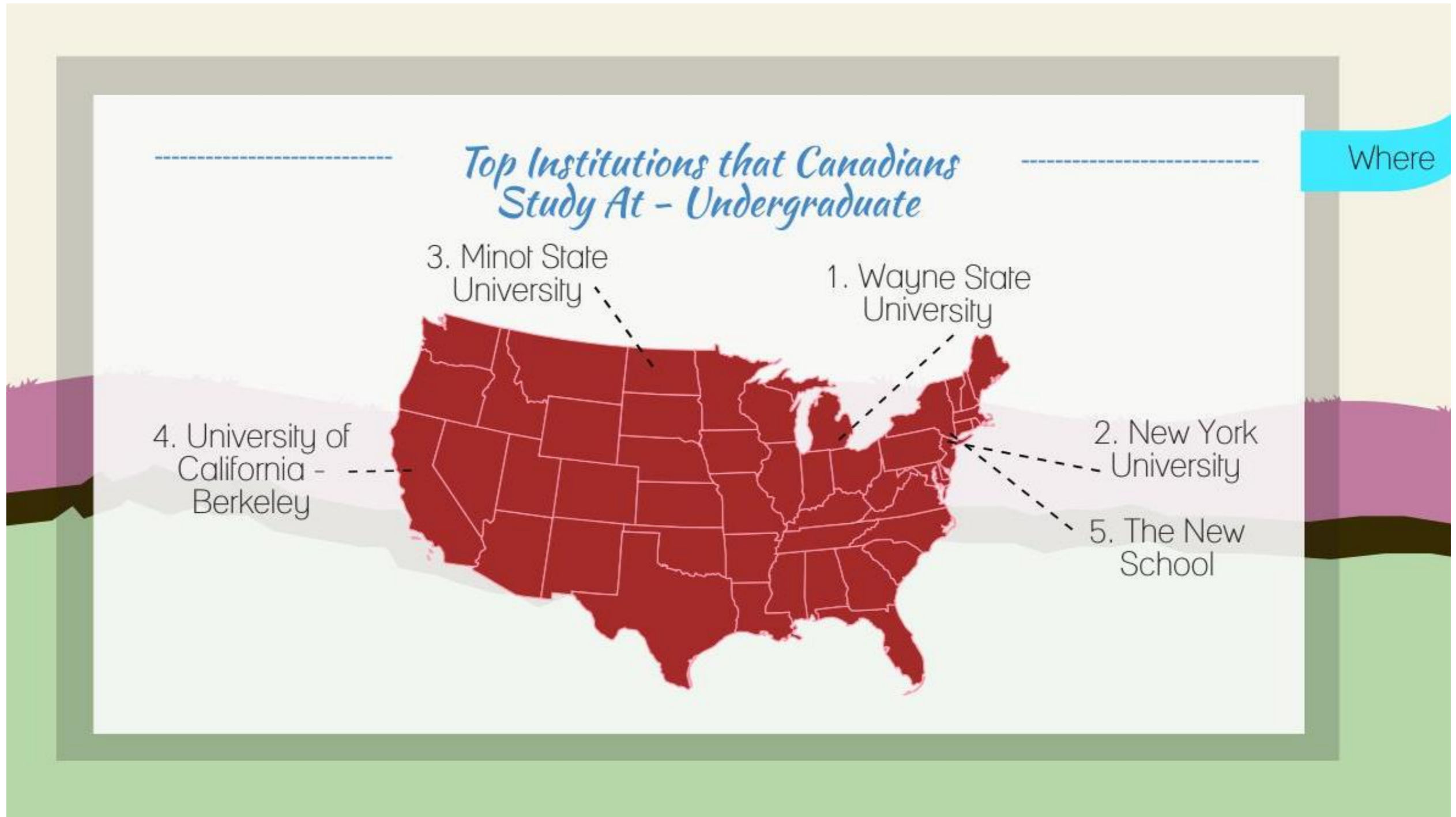
- Over 4,700 accredited universities
- 2-year Community Colleges
- Public vs. Private universities
- Ivy League
- Institutes
- Religious-based
- Women's or Men's only
- Historically Black Universities (HBUs)
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)

Adventure/Climate

Border Tuition Agreements

Specialty Programs

Open Doors Data 2014 (iie.org)



Samples of University Costs

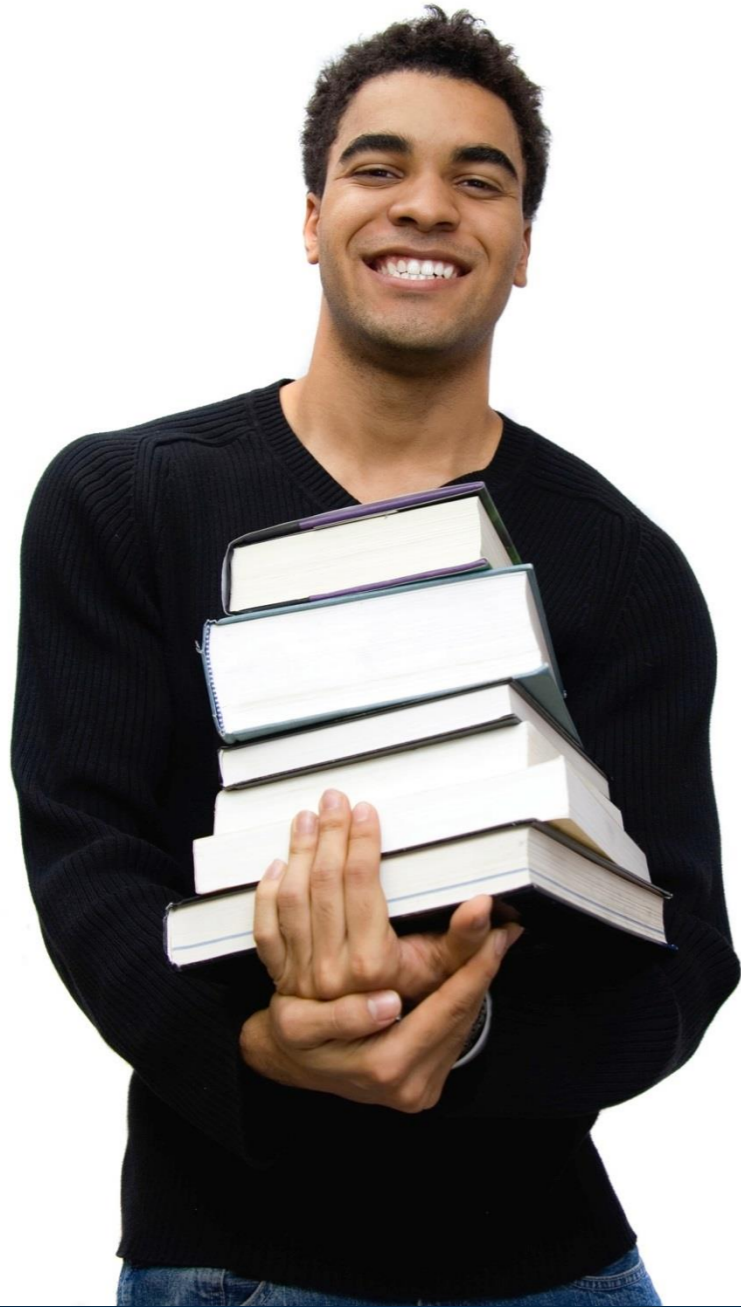
University	Tuition and Fees (15 credit hours)	Housing	Books and Supplies	Other expenses	Estimated total cost
Minot State University	\$5,900/ year USD	\$5,400	\$1,000	\$3,400	\$15,700
Florida International University	\$6,200/ year USD	\$8,400	\$1,200	\$1,700	\$17,700
University of Ottawa	\$6,250/ year CAD	\$8,800	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$18,250
University of British Columbia	\$5,800/ year CAD	\$10,800	\$1,300	\$2,900	\$20,900
Wayne State University	\$11,500/ year USD	\$9,000	\$1,122	\$2,000	\$22,265
UC Berkeley	\$38,000/ year USD	\$15,400	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$57,300
New York University or The New School	\$43,700/ year USD	\$16,100	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$61,900

EducationUSA 5 Steps



- 1. Research Your Options**
- 2. Complete Your Application**
- 3. Finance Your Studies**
- 4. Apply for Your Student Visa**
- 5. Prepare for Your Departure**

EducationUSA 5



5. Prepare for Your Departure

Step 1: Research Your Options

Research Your Options

Begin 24-18 months prior to enrollment

- 11th Grade

Contact EducationUSA Advisor

- 1:1 Advising

Connect with your Guidance Counselor

Define Priorities

Understand your financial contribution

College Search engines

- CollegeBoard.org Big Future

Review University Websites

- Virtual Tours

Fundingusstudy.org

- Find universities that offer international student funding



Narrow your Search

Dream School

- All ivy league schools
- Schools with low acceptance rates

Reach School

Safety School



SAT/ACT

SAT: [Collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

ACT: [Actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org)

Take full-length practice tests

- PSAT (optional)
- Determine which test(s) you want to take

Research test dates

Register for your exam

Determine best study method

- Self study? Class? Tutor?

Build a study plan

- 3 months from test date

SAT II Subject Tests



SAT Changes 2016

Spring 2016

Class of 2017 (current Grade 10)

More in line with “Common Core”

Details at Collegeboard.org

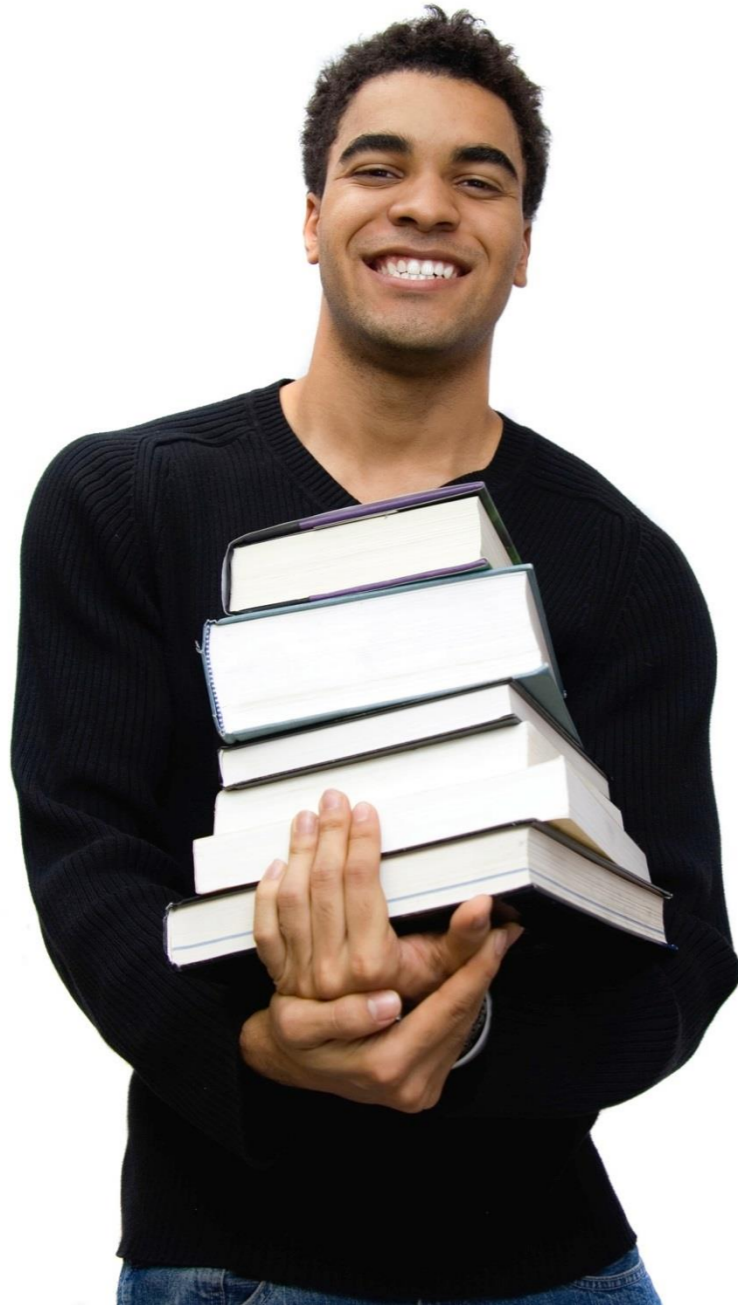
[Khan Academy](http://KhanAcademy.org) – free prep



Current	2016
Sentence Completions	Words in Context
Reading Comprehension	Command of Evidence
Essay: persuasive, mandatory	Essay: analysis, optional
Math: problem solving skills	Math: skill-based
Wrong Answers: -1/4	No wrong answer penalty
Out of 2400	Out of 1600



Student-Athletes



Begin in Grade 10

Register in the Eligibility Center

- NCAA, NAIA, or NJCAA

Discuss Core Courses with Counselor

Create an online player profile

Understand coach-player contact policies

- Sport specific recruiting dates

Understand your financial contribution

- Many scholarships are partial

Plan Unofficial and Official visits

- Must have SAT/ACT scores for Official visits

Narrow your choices

- Pass the “Broken Leg” test

Step 2: Complete your Application

Application Requirements



Transcripts

Standardized test scores

- SAT/ACT, SAT II, TOEFL

2-3 Recommendation Letters

- Teacher, coach, guidance counselor, supervisor

Personal Statement/Essay

Resume

- Extracurriculars, awards, volunteering

The Common Application

- www.commonapp.org
- 548 member institutions 2014-15

The Holistic Approach



All elements of the application reviewed

Your application should tell a story

Essays and LOR are very important

What kind of impact will this student have on our campus?

Step 3: Finance Your Studies

Finance your studies

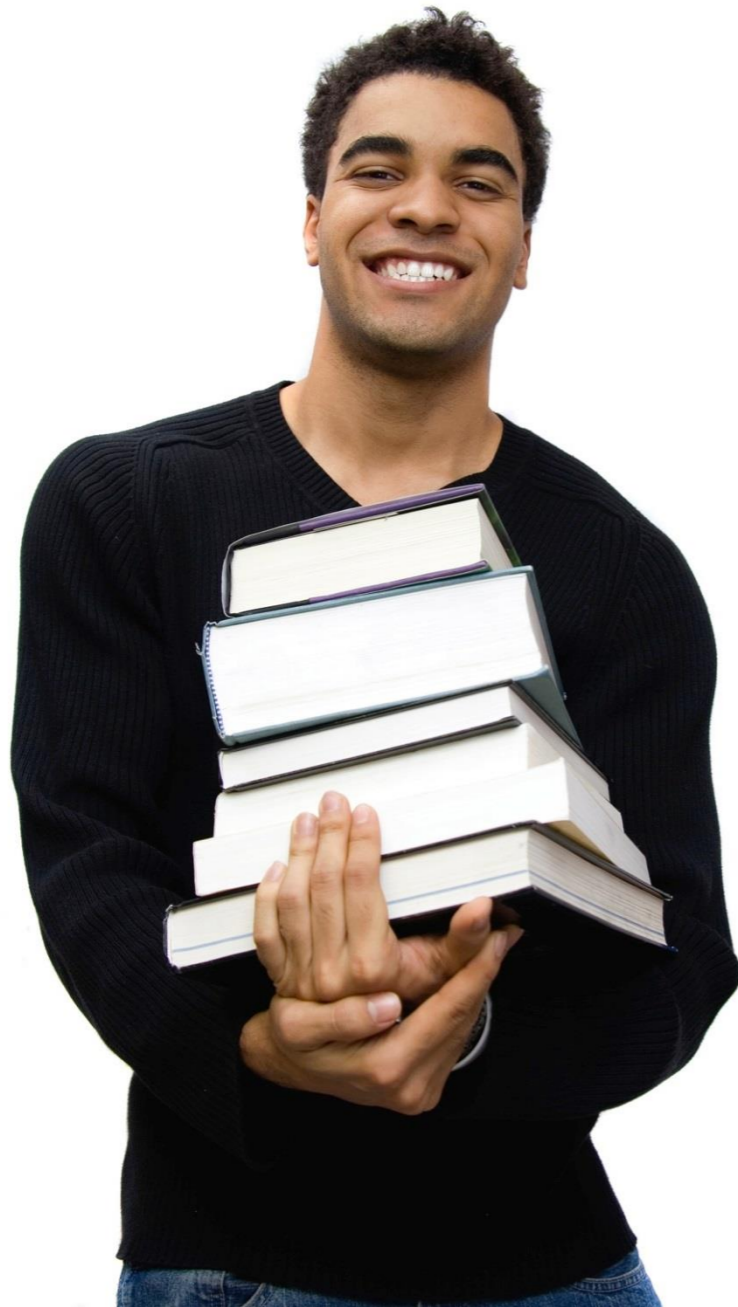
International undergraduate student finances

- ~80% Personal/family/loans
- ~10% Your university
 - Merit-based
 - Needs-blind
 - International student discounts
- ~10% Other sources
 - ~~Home Government~~
 - Private Companies
 - Private scholarships/grants

Scholarships = RESEARCH

Many universities require proof of financing

You can apply provincial savings plans to most accredited universities



Step 4:

**Canadian Citizens do not need
to apply for a Student Visa**

Paperwork for the border

Canadian Citizens

- Apply for passport during Grade 11
- Admitted students mailed I-20
- Pay SEVIS fees
- Border agent will stamp I-20 on arrival

Canadian residents/3rd party nationals

- Will need to apply for a Student Visa
- Contact local Consulate for more information

EducationUSA does not provide Visa support



Step 5:
Prepare for your Departure

Upcoming Events



U.S. College Expo

Saturday, April 11th, 2015

Hyatt Regency Vancouver

Free admission

10-11am: panel discussions

11am-2pm: public exhibit

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