



FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

GUIDE TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN THE US: 2009-10

Fulbright Advisory Service:

As part of the EducationUSA network of over 450 advising centres worldwide, the Fulbright Advisory Service is the UK's primary source of information on educational exchange opportunities in the US. We aim to provide accurate, unbiased information about all accredited US higher education institutions.

Last year, over 4,000 UK students chose the US for undergraduate study. Some may have been looking for the opportunity to choose from the over 4,000 universities on offer or experience American college life. Others may have been attracted to the flexibility to explore their academic interests before specialising or the chance to internationalise their CVs. No matter the reason, our advising team is here to help as you follow in their footsteps and apply to study in the US! Below you will find an application timeline and resource guide for undergraduate study in the US.

Application Timeline:

Ideally, the process of applying for undergraduate study in the US will begin 1-1½ years before enrolment. For most students, this is during the spring/summer at the end of Year 12. Do not panic you if are entering Year 13 and are just now getting started in this process. You will simply need to work at a faster pace!

1 ½ Years Before Enrolment (Spring/Summer at the End of Year 12):

- Begin by reading the 'Study in the US' section of the **Fulbright advising website: www.fulbright.co.uk**
 - The 'Overview' section provides information on the degrees on offer in the US.
 - The 'Choosing A University' section will help you research US universities.
 - The 'Finances' section contains information on the expenses to anticipate and available funding.
 - The 'Timeline' and 'Application Process' sections contain information on applying for US study.
- Attend an **Undergraduate Study Seminar**. Topics include the application process, admissions exams, choosing the right institution and funding opportunities. Participants will also have the opportunity to speak with our team of advisors afterward. Dates and registration information can be found on our website. Early booking is recommended, as seminars fill-up quickly! The registration fee is £10 per person.

10-12 Months Before Enrolment (Autumn of Year 13 – Before the Semester Holiday):

- Register for an admissions exam, such as the SAT Reasoning and/or Subject Tests or ACT. The SAT test dates for 2009-2010 are as follows: 10 October 2009 (registration deadline 9 September), 7 November 2009 (deadline 1 October), 5 December 2009 (deadline 30 October), 23 January 2010 (deadline 15 December), 1 May 2010 (deadline 25 March), 5 June 2010 (deadline 29 April).
- Attend **USA College Day – Saturday, 3 October 2009**
- Attend an **Undergraduate Study Seminar** if you haven't already.

8-10 Months Before Enrolment (Autumn of Year 13 – After the Semester Holiday):

- Complete and submit your admissions applications.
- Early Decision (legally binding) and Early Action deadlines are generally in October/early November, while regular admissions deadlines are in December/January.
- Apply for funding from US universities and external funding bodies

Lead up to Enrolment (Spring/Summer of Year 13):

- **Spring:** Receive admissions decisions by post or e-mail.
- **Summer:** Notify the universities of your decision, pay a non-refundable deposit and apply for your visa.
- **Summer:** Attend one of our **Pre-Departure Seminars** to prepare for your arrival in the US
- **August/early September:** Begin study in the US!

Overview of Undergraduate Study in the US:

There are over 4,000 universities awarding undergraduate degrees in the US. With each offering its own areas of specialisation, range of extracurricular activities and campus atmosphere, there is bound to be one that is a great fit for you.

Terminology Differences:

As you begin your research of US universities, you should note the following differences in terminology between the US and UK:

- 'Class' and 'course' are used interchangeably and are the equivalent of 'module' in the UK.
- 'College', 'university', 'institute' and 'school' are used interchangeably to describe places of postsecondary education in the US.
- The US term 'degree program' is the equivalent of a 'course' in the UK.
- The US term 'undergraduate study' is the equivalent of a 'first-degree' in the UK.
- The US term 'public' refers to 'state-funded' universities.

Types of Universities:

There are two types of universities in the US: **public** and **private**. Public universities are state-funded institutions and are usually large in size. Foreign students pay out-of-state tuition, which is often higher than that paid by in-state residents. However, tuition fees at public universities are generally less expensive than private universities.

Private universities are supported by tuition fees, private donations and grants. They typically have a smaller student body and are more expensive to attend. However, private universities often have more scholarship funding set aside for international students.

Undergraduate Degrees on Offer:

The type of degree that is best suited for you depends entirely on your individual needs and strengths.

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.) or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees are offered at two-year colleges (also known as community or junior colleges). Associate degrees often focus on vocational or technical skills. Upon completing an Associate degree, students can either pursue a Bachelor's degree by transferring to a four-year college, or competitively enter the workforce. Entrance requirements are less competitive than four-year degrees, and admission is available up until the semester begins. Tuition fees are also more affordable and the size of classes smaller.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degrees are usually four years in length. Bachelor's degrees in the US follow the liberal arts philosophy described below and generally include core required courses, a major and electives.

The Liberal Arts Philosophy:

'Liberal arts' is a shortened form of the phrase 'liberal arts and sciences' in the UK. The liberal arts philosophy is a unique feature of the US higher education system. This concept promotes a well-rounded academic education that develops the student's verbal, written and reasoning skills. Students begin their degree study by taking classes in a wide variety of courses in the arts, humanities, languages and the social and physical sciences. They then choose a field in which to specialise and take about one-third to one-half of their classes in their major area.

The individual modules that make up an undergraduate degree program in the US can be divided into the following types: **Core courses** provide the foundation of the degree program and are required of all students. Students take a variety of courses in mathematics, English, humanities, physical sciences and social sciences. Some colleges require students to take many core courses, while other schools require only a few.

A **major** is the subject in which a student chooses to concentrate. Your major courses represent one-third to one-half of the total number of courses required to complete a degree.

Most students major in one subject. However, the flexibility of the liberal arts curriculum provides students the option of pursuing a **double major**. Double majors allow students to complete the full major degree in both subjects, often within four years.

A **minor** is a subject in which a student may choose to take the second greatest concentration of courses. The number of courses required for a minor tends to be half the number for a major in the same subject.

Elective courses may be chosen from any department. They offer opportunities to explore other topics or subjects you may be interested in and help make up the total number of credits required to graduate.

Choosing A University:

Before researching US universities, we suggest students and parents do an honest assessment of their expectations for university study and priorities for selecting a university. The US application process can be time-consuming and costly. Therefore, your goal should be to narrow down your list to 4-6 universities.

With so many universities on offer, narrowing your search is no easy task. However, it can be an exciting and surprising process. Many students end up finding a great match at a university or town they'd not previously heard of! Further, the number and diversity of US universities will allow you to find a university that fits your unique interests and skills.

Factors to Consider:

There are a wide variety of factors to consider in choosing a university. You will want to investigate the type of degrees available (two-year or four-year), type of university (public or private), majors on offer, competitiveness of admission, cost of attendance and funding, geographic location and campus life. You will also want to ensure the university is accredited by a regional accreditation body recognised by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (www.chea.org).

As you conduct your search, keep in mind that there is no centralised, authoritative ranking system in the United States. Unofficial rankings, such as *U.S. News and World Report* and *Princeton Review*, will give you a general idea of the academic reputation and relative prestige of a university. However, it is important to realise that a top 20, or even top 100, list of universities covers only a small percentage of the universities available. Further, you should read the fine print on how rankings are determined. Rankings are not necessarily based upon factors that impact you or your child's quality of education most, such as class size, teaching quality, student advising, faculty access and opportunities for research, internships, campus activities, etc.

Resources to Research and Choose Universities:

You may wish to use the 'College Search' feature on the EducationUSA (www.educationusa.state.gov) website, which is maintained by the US Department of State. University search engines are available from College Board (www.collegeboard.com) and US government's College Navigator (www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator) website.

Additionally, the Fulbright Advisory Service maintains a Resource Library with reference books for students and parents to consult, including print university directories and US university prospectuses. Our USA College Day event held each autumn also offers the unique opportunity to meet with US university representatives in London while you finalise your university selections.

Finances:

Alongside completing your admissions applications for undergraduate study in the US, you will also want to research and consider financial matters.

As the cost of higher education increases in both the US and UK, it is important for parents and students to know what costs to expect and to develop a plan to cover these. Finding funding for undergraduate study in the US is a challenge for both American and international students alike. The key is starting early and putting in the necessary time and effort to seek out and apply for scholarships. Keep in mind you will need to demonstrate access to funding for the first year of study in order to apply for a visa.

University Funding:

After assessing your personal and family savings, your best resource for funding will likely be university scholarships. While scholarships are competitive, many undergraduate students are able to fund part or even all of their studies with scholarships from their university or an external funding body.

A scholarship is a financial award that does not have to be repaid. University scholarships tend to be awarded based on financial need and/or merit. Merit can include not only outstanding academic performance, but also special talent in sports or performing arts, community service participation or extracurricular involvement. Many scholarships are renewable for a student's four years of study, based on maintaining specified academic standards or grades.

University funding options will vary from university to university. Therefore, you will need to investigate the funding options and application procedures for each university you are considering. This information should be readily available on the financial aid, undergraduate admissions and/or departmental webpages. Often the process for applying for university scholarships is straightforward and integrated into the admissions application. In fact, it may be as simple as submitting your admissions application by an earlier date or writing an extra essay or two.

Keep in mind the key to getting scholarships is starting early and working hard to find opportunities and submit applications. Additionally, you may need to be flexible in choosing universities at which you will be competitive for funding opportunities.

External Funding Bodies:

External funding bodies may include a wide range of professional, charitable or government organisations. Often, scholarships from external funding bodies can be thought of as niche scholarships, as they may be based on very specific personal qualities outlined by the funding body. These qualities often correlate to the mission of the organisation and could include country of origin, ethnicity, religious faith, interest in a particular field, gender, interests, talents, etc. Scholarships from external funding bodies may also be awarded on the basis of merit. Merit can include not only outstanding academic performance, but also special talent in sports or performing arts, community service participation or extracurricular involvement.

Searching for external funding will require time and dedication on your part to sift through listings in print directories and online to find relevant scholarship opportunities. You will then have to submit a separate application to each funding body. For that reason, we encourage students to first apply for university funding opportunities and then for external funding.

You may wish to search for scholarships from external funding bodies on the following websites:

- Institute for International Education - Funding for US Study (<http://www.fundingusstudy.org>)
- International Education Financial Aid (<http://www.iefa.org>)
- eduPASS (<http://www.edupass.org/finaid/>)
- Global Grant (<http://www.globalgrant.com/>)

Alternatively, our Resource Library also contains print funding directories and is open Mondays (1:30 pm – 7 pm) and Thursdays (1:30 pm – 5 pm).

Loans:

As the cost of higher education rises in the US and UK, more students require loans to fund all or part of their studies.

When considering a loan to finance education, be sure to examine carefully all of the terms and conditions of the loan. Explore repayment options, as the conditions of each loan scheme will vary. Interest rates may also add to the total cost of the loan, particularly if it is accrued while you are studying. Although you might find all of the general information about costs and interest rates when enquiring about a particular loan scheme, it is important to read the fine print before signing any agreement.

UK-Based Loans:

Unfortunately, you will not be able to use a UK student loan to fund your studies in the US. However, you may apply for a personal loan from a UK bank and use apply it toward US study.

Career Development Loans may also be available for students following a professional or vocational course. For more information about eligibility and application procedures, please see the DirectGov webpage on Career Development Loans (<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/CareerDevelopmentLoans/index.htm>)

US-Based Loans:

The availability of US-based loans for non-US citizens is limited. In almost all cases, US-based loan programmes require non-US citizens to have a creditworthy US citizen or permanent resident to act as a co-signer. If you believe you are eligible for loan from a US-based lender, please contact the financial aid office of the US university at which you intend to study. The office will likely maintain a list of lenders commonly used by students.

Please note, if you (the student) are an American or dual US-UK citizen, you can apply for US federal loans through the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) website.

Application Process:

Applying to US universities can be a lengthy process, particularly in comparison with the UK undergraduate application system.

The most notable difference between the US and UK application processes is that students applying to US undergraduate programmes must submit their applications directly to individual universities rather than via a centralised body like UCAS. Additionally, each university will set their own application deadlines and fees, as well as admissions requirements. Fortunately, most application forms will follow a similar format that will allow you to re-use or adapt some of the materials that you prepare for each application. Use of the Common Application, an undergraduate admissions application designed by a not-for-profit membership organisation of US universities, can streamline the process further as the member institutions all use the same core application.

The other significant difference between US and UK university applications is that you are applying for admissions to the institution rather than to a specific department within a university. Consequently, the undergraduate admissions office, rather than faculty members of academic departments, will likely be responsible for admissions decisions.

Typical Application Criteria:

When applying for undergraduate study in the US, you should first consider whether or not you meet the minimum admissions criteria.

For admission to four-year degree programmes, students educated in the British system are typically expected to hold at least five GCSEs at grade C or above (or five Scottish Standard Grades) in academic subjects and two or three A levels (or a minimum of three Scottish Highers). Generally speaking, the subjects studied at GCSE or Standard level should include English and Maths. Some institutions, particularly two-year or community colleges will recognise other UK qualifications, such as GNVQs, GSVQs, HNCs or HNDs. To ensure that you receive accurate and up to date information, we recommend that you contact individual universities about whether your qualifications are sufficient to be considered for admissions.

Establishing that you meet the minimum criteria for admission to the universities of your choice does not guarantee entrance to those universities, but is instead the first step in assuring that your application is seriously considered. The three key factors that all admissions officers are looking for in a student's application are academic performance, extracurricular involvement and compelling reasons for attending their institution. The stronger your academic record inside the classroom and on standardised tests, the stronger your chances of admission. However, academic achievements alone will not guarantee entrance to competitive US university programmes.

Application Requirements Typically Include:

- A completed application form
- Application fee
- SAT or ACT scores and, for ESOL students, TOEFL scores
- Essays or personal statements
- Transcript
- Letters of reference
- Interview

Admissions Exams:

Most applicants for undergraduate study in the US will be required to sit a standardised admissions exam in the autumn of Year 13 if not before. Standardised exams are one way in which US universities will assess your academic potential amongst both US and international applicants, a key component of the admissions criteria. The three main undergraduate admissions exams include: the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT Subject Tests and the ACT. Some students may also be required to take an English Language Proficiency Exam.

In order to ensure that you are taking the appropriate exam, consult the website of each university to which you will apply. In addition, pay close attention to the university's application deadline and plan your exam schedule accordingly. If possible, sit your first exam by the October testing date. This leaves you the option to re-sit the exam in November or December if you are not satisfied with your results or need to sit the SAT subject exams in November or December. Keep in mind spaces fill up quickly, particularly in London, so you will want to register as soon as possible!

SAT Reasoning Test:

This three hour and forty-five minute test is comprised of three sections: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing. The SAT Reasoning Test is designed to measure critical thinking and analytical skills. It is offered several times per year at numerous sites throughout the UK.

You may register and pay the registration fees on the College Board (www.collegeboard.org) website

The test dates for 2009-10 are as follows: 10 October 2009 (registration deadline 9 September), 7 November 2009 (deadline 1 October), 5 December 2009 (deadline 30 October), 23 January 2010 (deadline 15 December), 1 May 2010 (deadline 25 March), 5 June 2010 (deadline 29 April).

The exams are offered at the following locations in the UK (though not necessarily for each testing date):

- **England:** King William's College (Castletown), Victoria College (Channel Island), ACS Cobham International School (Cobham, Surrey), East Durham College (Durham), ACS Engham International School (Engham, Surrey), ACS Hillingdon International School (Middlesex), Gresham's School (Holt, Norfolk), Highlands College (Jersey), The American School in London, Southbank International School (London), King's College School (London), St Clare School (Oxford), Radley College (Abingdon), Millfield School (Street), The American School in England (Thorpe, Surrey) and Canford School (Wimborne)
- **Scotland:** Fettes College (Edinburgh), Langside College (Glasgow), Gordonstoun School (Elgin) and The International School of Aberdeen
- **Wales:** Atlantic College (Vale of Glamorgan)
- **Northern Ireland:** Queens University Belfast

SAT Subject Tests:

Some of the more competitive universities also require SAT Subject Tests. These one-hour, multiple-choice tests are offered in the following subjects: Literature, US and World History, Mathematics Level 1 & 2, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Chinese with Listening, French, French with Listening, German, German with Listening, Spanish, Spanish with Listening, Modern Hebrew, Italian, Latin, Japanese with Listening and Korean with listening.

The SAT II Subject Tests are designed to measure your knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as your ability to apply that knowledge. Subject tests are offered concurrently with the SAT Reasoning Test and at the same testing sites. Note that you may sit either the Reasoning Test or up to 3 Subject Tests on one testing date. You may register and pay the registration fees on the College Board website (www.collegeboard.org).

ACT:

Many US universities may also accept the ACT, which is a curriculum-based exam. The test is two hours, 55 minutes with an optional 30 minute writing section. The test dates for 2008-2009 are as follows: 24 October 2009 (registration deadline 18 September), 12 December 2009 (deadline 6 November), 6 February 2010 (deadline 5 January), 10 April 2010 (deadline 5 March), 12 June 2010 (deadline 7 May). The exams are offered at the following locations in the UK: Middlesex, Kingston upon Thames, Thorpe, Surrey and Aberdeen.

You may register and pay the registration fees on the ACT website (www.actstudent.org).

English Language Proficiency Exams:

English language proficiency exams may be required for non-native English speakers applying to undergraduate study in the US. However, this requirement may be waived by admissions office if the student has completed most of his/her schooling / university in an English-speaking country. The two leading English language proficiency exams are TOEFL (www.toefl.org) and IELTS (www.ielts.org). Before registering, please check with the US university to which you are applying to ensure scores from either exam will be accepted.

Admissions Essays:

Admissions essays are a key part of applying for undergraduate study in the US. Rather than submitting an explanation of your interest and achievements in a particular field of study as you would via UCAS, you will be asked to respond to between one and three essay questions on the US university application. Each university will set its own questions, as well as desired length for your response. Thus, it will be unlikely that you will be able to compose one essay that will sufficiently answer questions posed by multiple universities.

Use the essay as a marketing tool - be imaginative and make yourself stand out. No matter the structure of the essay, you will want to ensure your essays address some of the following:

- your academic background,
- potential to contribute to the student life or diversity of the university,
- your leadership or extracurricular involvement,
- passion for the subject you are considering as your major,
- reasons for selecting the university.

Transcripts:

A transcript, or document listing your academic qualifications and marks, is often required as a component of US university applications. US universities are particularly interested in what subjects undergraduate applicants have taken over their four final years of secondary school and how their performance has changed over time, not simply their final exam results.

Subsequently, US students will have an official school transcript, printed on school letterhead, listing end-of-term and final exam marks for each class taken over their four years of high school, as well as any academic honours earned.

Although your UK school/college may not be accustomed to producing such a document, you will still be required to submit one as part of your university application. Please note that to fulfill this application requirement, you may need transcripts from both your sixth form college and secondary school to cover all four years equivalent to US high school (US 9-12 grades, UK Year 10-13).

Conversion of UK Marks to US GPA:

In the US, students are assigned a cumulative grade point average, usually on a 4.0 scale, for all courses taken throughout their four-year course of study. To determine their GPA, schools take the numerical value assigned to the letter grade a student has achieved for each course (typically 4 points for an "A," 3 points for a "B," and so on), then add these numbers together and divide by the total number of courses taken.

In one of the fields on the application form, a US university will likely request that you report your GPA, or Grade Point Average. As there is no direct conversion between UK marks and a US GPA, we recommend that students leave this field

blank. US admissions officers will understand the reason for this omission and will instead consult your transcript for detailed information about your academic performance.

Creating a Transcript:

You should inform your advisor or appropriate school administrator well in advance of your application deadline of your request for a transcript. As they may be unfamiliar with the US application process, you may need to provide them with information about what to include in a transcript, as well as any additional school reports required by US universities. Additionally, if your school does not have the capability to easily compile a transcript from their records, you may wish to create a template for them to use, which should then be printed on school letterhead, signed by a school official and stamped with a school seal of certification, if possible. The Fulbright Advisory Service has created a sample transcript, which can serve as a rough guide to transcript layout: <http://www.fulbright.co.uk/eas/studyus/undergraduate/transcript.pdf>

Additionally, if you have certified copies of your qualifications (GCSEs, etc), it would be worthwhile to also include them with your application as a supplement to your transcript. If you do not, you may want to consider requesting copies from the appropriate examining boards.

Reference Letters:

Another required component of your US university application will likely be two to three letters of reference. Whilst your chosen universities may provide some loose guidelines for selecting referees (such as at least one of the letters being from a teacher or school administrator) it will ultimately be your responsibility to choose your referees and to liaise with them about submitting their letters.

As a rule, letters of reference should highlight your ability to positively contribute to campus life and diversity, as well as your ability to succeed academically once at university.

Once you have selected your referees, you should inform them of the deadlines for submission, any additional paperwork to complete and whether the letter should be given to you or sent directly to the universities to which you are applying. It is your responsibility as the applicant to check in with you referees regularly about their progress and the timely submission of their letters.

Visas:

Generally speaking, applying for a visa is a straightforward (albeit time-consuming) process. The US university will provide you with assistance on the paperwork and details of the process upon your admittance to the program.

| Type of Visa | For Whom | Relevant Certificate of Eligibility Form |
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| F-1 Student Visa (http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/visa/niv/students.html) | Most students pursuing full-time study at an educational institution recognised by the US government | I-20 A-B form, entitled the 'Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant Student Status' form |
| J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa (http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/visa/niv/exchange.html) | For students, visiting scholars or lecturers pursuing study under sponsorship of the US government, their home government or an international organisation | DS-2019 form, entitled the 'Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status' form |

Visa Application Process:

1. Once you accept an offer of admission, your university will require proof of funds for the first year before sending you the relevant certificate of eligibility form: either an I-20 A-B form (for the F-1 Student Visa) or a DS-2019 form (for the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa).
2. Complete the SEVIS application and pay the SEVIS fee (see below for more information).
3. All applicants for both the F-1 and J-1 visas are required to complete a DS-156 Visa Application Form and a DS-158 Contact Information and Work History Form. If a relative will travel with you to the US, separate forms must be completed for each family member. Additionally, males aged between 16-45 must also complete a DS-157 Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application form.

4. Book an appointment for a visa interview at the US Embassy in London, or in your home country if you are not a UK citizen. Before your appointment you will need to gather and bring required documentation for your interview.

SEVIS (Student & Exchange Visitor Information System):

SEVIS (http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/visa/niv/sevis.html) is the automated system that keeps track of students and exchange visitors and ensures that they maintain their immigration status while in the US. All students must file an SEVIS I-901 form before they may have a visa interview. There is also a \$200 SEVIS fee, and you will have to bring confirmation of this payment to your visa interview. The form may be filed online via the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement website or by post. The fee may be paid online, by post or via Western Union Quick Pay.

Enquiries

Our staff are not trained to handle specific enquiries related to visas in the US. For such enquiries, information is available on the US Embassy in London website (<http://london.usembassy.gov>). Alternatively you may call the US Embassy at 09042 450100 (Operator Assisted £1.20/minute) between the hours of 8am - 8pm Monday- Friday, and 10am - 4pm on Saturday.

Additional Resources from Partner Organisations:

Our partner organisations also offer a wide range of resources and services to help you apply for study in the US, such as tutoring for admissions exams and educational consultation services.

Anglo-American Tutoring – SAT and ACT Tutoring and Application Assistance

Contact Details: Head Tutor, Steve Schwartz, Tel: 020 8699 3248.

SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests, and ACT. Instructors are Ivy League graduates each with over 20 years of experience preparing students to take American standardised exams. Private lessons are arranged at convenient times in your home. Anglo-American Tutoring helps students apply successfully to the top undergraduate programmes in the US by tutoring for required examinations, advising on school selection, and assisting with the preparation of strong written applications and personal statements. We have extensive experience working with gifted and mildly dyslexic students. In short, we offer our students a full range of support and services, as needed, throughout the application process.

FirstPoint USA – Sports Scholarships - www.firstpointusa.com

Contact Details: Tel: +44 141 572 2005, Email: enquiries@firstpointusa.com

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Hobsons – US University Guides - www.USeduguides.com

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InTuition Scholarships - www.student-scholarships.com

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Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions - www.kaptest.co.uk

Contact Details: Tel: 020-7930-3130, Email: London.Center@kaplan.com

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The Studyworks – SAT and ACT Tutoring and Application Assistance

Contact Details: Head Tutor, Michèle Collias BA (hons) JD (cum laude), Tel: 020 7402 9877

Established in London in 1984, the Studyworks offers SAT and ACT preparation and application essay guidance to American and European educated students seeking admission to US universities. Our courses prepare students in all aspects of standardised exams including substance, timing, essay writing, and multiple choice techniques. Our students improve their SAT scores from 100 - 300 points and gain admission to Ivy League and other top universities. We offer classroom courses and private tuition both in central London and at: A.C.S. Cobham, Egham & Hillingdon; Christ's Hospital; Downe House; Eton; Godolphin & Latymer; Harrow; Marymount; St Marys Ascot; Sevenoaks; Southbank; TASIS; Wellington, and Wycombe Abbey. For you SAT SUCCESS, Prepare with the BEST.

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