

## Spring 2023

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### Research your options

- US university system
- Consider priorities: size, location, type of university, environment, student life

- Schools: decide number, safety vs. target vs. reach, early vs. regular admission
- Contact schools for information

- University deadlines and specific application processes
- Create an application plan

- VISA process

- University Facebook, Instagram, other student groups
- International student/Czech student groups on campus
- Ways to keep in touch at home

### Finance your studies

- Talk with family about financial planning and goals for studying in the USA
- Research + apply for scholarships

- Discuss with family total amount per year plan to spend
- Gather necessary documents
- Research + apply for scholarships

- Fill out International CSS Profile and/or ISFA forms
- Gather necessary documents (translations)
- Research + apply for scholarships
- Pay application fees

- Decide between scholarship packages

- Confirm banking options in the US

### Complete your application

- Form
- Letters of Recommendation
- Admissions Tests
- Personal Essay
- Counselor reports
- Transcripts

- Contact potential recommenders
- Study, register, take admissions tests, especially SAT
- Research personal essay topics
- Talk to secondary school about "guidance counselor" figure and securing correct transcript

- Create a Common Application account
- (Optional) Register for admissions tests in Fall
- Write first draft of personal essay and identify who can give feedback

- Fill out application forms
- Confirm recommenders (translations)
- Send test scores to schools
- Finalize personal essay
- Confirm counselor reports (translations)
- Send transcript (translations, potential credit evaluation)

- Potential interviews
- Choose school
- Confirm admissions decision with school by **MAY 1**
- Get I-20 document

- DONE

### Apply for your student visa

- Apply for visa

- Collect visa

### Prepare for your departure

- Register for international student orientation
- Book flights

- Register for classes, housing, meal plans
- Contact current students, academic advisor
- Shop for necessities
- Prepare medications