

INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

For the Prospective Students

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One of the principal aims of the Hindusthan Association of America is to help the prospective students from India, who desire to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the American universities. The cordial welcome the universities of the United States accord to the foreign students can best be stated by the fact that about five thousand students from all parts of the globe are taking courses in the various universities of this country.

With a view to be of some service to our fellow students in India, we keep records of the universities, the best courses given and the expenses incurred; we guide the student to an university which is best suited to him and furnish all other information that he may require to know.

Universities: There are about 596 universities and colleges in the United States, including professional schools, of which about twenty-three are of the first grade.

System of American Education: American education is based on the credit system. One credit is equiv-

alent to one lecture and recitation in a week during one semester (see sessions), i. e., about sixteen to eighteen lectures. Three lectures on a subject in a week mean three credits a semester. Subjects are arranged according to these credits. One subject constitutes two, three or four credits. Part of credits of a subject cannot be earned. The minimum credit of works a student is required to take up in each semester is twelve to eighteen in accordance with line of study. Four years are usually required for graduation.

If a student fails in one of his subjects, he needs take up only that particular subject in the following semester and not the other subjects in which he was successful. Thus he saves much of his time from unnecessary labors, as in the case in India.

Pre-requisites for Entrance: Students who have read up to the intermediate courses or equivalent will not find any difficulty in entering into the university here. It is desirable that the students read up to Bachelor of Arts. The high school standard of

America is higher than that of the matriculation of the Indian universities. So, if anyone intends to proceed to America just after matriculation, he should make up his mind to study in the high school here for at least a year to prepare himself for the university works. The students should also spend some of their time to investigate the conditions of India in the lines, they are interested in, before their departure. It will help them in the research works.

Sessions: Academic year constitutes nine months and is divided into two semesters. First semester generally begins from middle of September to end of January, and second semester from February to middle of June, excepting the University of California, where the session begins and ends one month earlier. The students are admitted in the opening of each semester.

Summer Sessions: Summer vacation lasts for three months—from the middle of June till the middle of September.

In almost every university there is a summer session of about six weeks. The students can lessen the graduation period by joining the summer school. The work of two summer sessions almost equals that of one semester. The tuition fee for the summer school is usually fifteen dollars.

The American students do spend the vacation by earning money to pay part of their expenses at the university. Those students who can afford will greatly be benefited if they spend the summer months, travelling in different parts of the country.

Courses of Instruction and Universities: All the branches of human knowledge are offered by the first grade American universities. We have given in the accompanying chart the names of some of the first

grade universities, the courses offered and the tuition charged. There is a wide scope of subjects in each university, and we have mentioned only the strong ones. As a rule, professional courses are always more expensive than the general ones. The students should always bear in mind that the amount of tuition fees never indicates the quality of the university. There are some agricultural colleges of good standing which we have not mentioned in the chart. Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, Oregon, are of good types of agricultural colleges. The students are urged to read the chart very carefully and then to make the choice of the university in accordance with the subjects of his inclination and the expenses he can bear.

Expenses: The living expense is almost same everywhere in the United States. The minimum cost for the academic year of nine months is as follows:

Room and board.....	\$225
Laundry, books, clothing (excepting suits), etc.....	100

Summer months—It rests upon the student in the way he intends to spend the vacation.

But the cost of living entirely depends upon the individual student, how frugal he can be. If two, three or more students batch together, as is the case with some of our students, who do not like the foreign dishes and do their own cooking, they can curtail the expenses appreciably. Besides, there are several ways open to the American students by which they pay part of their expenses while going to the university.

Routes: There are three ports of entry—New York; Seattle, Washington; San Francisco, California. The students bound for the Pacific coast should come via Japan and buy the

tickets either direct for San Francisco, or via Seattle to San Francisco. The Japanese steamship lines can be recommended, of which the Toyo Kishen Kaisha and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are the best. The latter has its offices in Calcutta and Bombay. The China-America S. S. Co. (Chinese company) can also be preferred. The students desiring to join the eastern universities should book passage for New York. But at present it is safer to take the Pacific route.

Immigration Laws and Requirements for Landing: One must be free from contagious diseases such as hookworm, etc. He must have fifty dollars (Rs. 162) with him in time of his landing. Anarchists and polygamous persons are not allowed to land. Each one of the students should have credentials to prove that he is a Bonafide student.

The immigration laws have lately been very stringent. The student should procure certificates from the school of his last education and also from the Educational Societies. Recommendation letters to our Association will greatly help the safe landing.

We send our representatives to meet the new students in the steamships at the port of entry. It will, therefore, be of assistance to the new-comers if they inform us beforehand when and how they are coming.

Time for Starting: The students should start in such a time so that they may reach here two weeks before the session begins. (See sessions.) It takes six to seven weeks (probably more these days) to reach America.

Education for the Women: All the state universities are co-educational. There are a number of universities

or colleges exclusively for the women, of which Bryn Mawr at Philadelphia, Pa.; Wellesley College, near Boston; Simmons College (scientific courses), Boston; Bernard College in Columbia University; Radcliffe College in Harvard University, and College for Women in Western Reserve University are of the best kind. The expenses for the Hindu women are higher than the men. We can, however, arrange with some of the American families where the women students can get home comforts for less expense.

Dress: It is advisable that the students should not buy more than one suit of clothes in India, for the American style is quite different.

Further Information: We will furnish any other information that a student may require to know, provided he sends the **Universal Postal Coupon**, which can be had in any postoffice; the coupon costs only two annas and six pies. There should be a seal on the coupon from the issuing postoffice.

While writing for further particulars, the students are requested to answer the following questions:

- What is the educational qualification?
- What subject interested in?
- How much money you have and how much you can bring from home monthly, annually, or in one time?
- How long can you stay in a foreign country?
- How is the physical health?

Please remember that no answer will be given to a letter unless a **Universal Coupon is enclosed therein.**

Read also the following publications of the Hindusthan Association of America:

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CHART

Alphabetical List of Universities	Departments Specially Recommended	Location	Tuition for Two Semesters
Armour Institute of Technology	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.; Architecture; Fire-Protection Eng. ; Aeronautics	Chicago, Ill.	\$175.00
Columbia University	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.; Met. E.; E. M.; Architecture; Journalism; Medicine and Dent.; Pharmacy; Education; Social and Political Sc.; Hist.; Econ.; Botany.	New York City, N. Y.	Professional Courses, \$250.00 L. & S., \$150.00
Cornell University	M. E.; C. E.; Agr.; Forestry; Architecture; Medicine; Veterinary; Sociology; Pol. Sc.	Ithaca, N. Y.	\$125.00—\$150.00
Harvard University	Biology; Botany; Chemistry; Econ.; Sociology; Philosophy; Psychology; Hist.; Government	Cambridge, Mass.	\$150.00
Johns Hopkins University	Medicine; Philosophy; Education; (It is mainly intended for graduate study)	Baltimore, Md.	\$240.00
Leland Stanford Junior	M. E.; Chemistry; Medicine; Biology; Geology; Marine Biology; Hist.; Economics	Stanford University, Cal.	L. & S., \$30.00. Medical, \$150.00
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Chem. E.; M. E.; C. E.; Municipal and Sanitary; Naval Arch. and Marine Eng.; Architecture; Aeronautics	Boston, Mass.	\$250.00
North-Western University	Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy	Evanston, Ill.	\$175.00
Princeton University	C. E.; History; Political Science	Princeton, N. J.	\$175.00
Purdue University	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.	Lafayette, Ind.	\$25.00
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.	Troy, N. J.	\$205.00
University of California	C. E.; Met. E.; E. M.; Irrigation Engineering; Medicine; Pharmacy; Commerce; History, Pol. Science	Berkeley, Cal.	\$20.00

University of Chicago	Medicine; Education; Sociology; Psychology; Anthropology; Botany	Chicago, Ill.	Medicine, \$180.00 L. & S., \$120.00
University of Illinois	Chem. E.; M. E.; E. E.; E. M.; Municipal and Sanitary Eng.; Ry. Eng.; Agr.; Domestic Sc.; Lib. Sc.; Architecture; Medicine; Economics; History	Urbana, Ill.	Medicine, \$122.00—\$155.00 L. & S., \$24.00
University of Iowa	Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy; Social Science	Iowa City, Ia.	Medicine, \$50.00 L. & S., \$20.00
University of Michigan	M. E.; C. E.; Forestry; Architecture; Medicine; Dentistry; Pharmacy; Naval Arch.; Marine Eng.; Economics	Ann Arbor, Mich.	L. & S., \$52.00 Professional, \$67.00 Dentistry, \$107.00
University of Minnesota	C. E.; Met. E.; E. M.; Agr.; Forestry; Medicine; Dentistry	Minneapolis, Minn.	Medical, \$150.00 L. & S., \$60.00
University of Missouri	E. E.; M. E.; Met. E.; Forestry; Agr.; C. E.; Journalism; Education	Columbia, Mo.	\$20.00
University of Pennsylvania	E. E.; M. E.; C. E.; Architecture; Medicine; Dentistry; Veterinary; Education; Biology; Chemistry; Commerce	Philadelphia, Pa.	Veterinary, \$100.00 Professional, \$200.00 L. & S., \$150.00
University of Washington	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.; Met. E.; E. M.; Forestry; Pharmacy; Marine Biology; Journalism; Political and Social Science; Education	Seattle, Wash.	\$20.00
University of Wisconsin	Chem. E.; E. E.; M. E.; C. E.; E. M.; Agr.; Domestic Sc.; Biology; Medicine; Commerce; Journalism; Sociology; Hist.; Economics; Pol. Sc.	Madison, Wis.	\$150.00
Yale University	M. E.; C. E.; Met. E.; E. M.; Forestry; Economics; Geology	New Haven, Conn.	Scientific, \$201.00 Forestry, \$125.00

Abbreviations Used in the Chart

Chem. E., Chemical Engineering; E. E., Electrical Engineering; M. E., Mechanical Engineering; C. E., Civil Engineering; E. M., Mining Engineering; Met. E., Metallurgical Engineering; Agr., Agriculture; Pol. Sc., Political Science; L. & S., Letters and Science; Hist., History; Econ., Economics; Lib. Sc., Library Science. Bold types indicate the importance of subjects offered by the university. One dollar (\$1.00), Rs. 3, 2 as.

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