

# The Opportunities and Application Process of Graduate Study in the United States



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# Outline

- Introduction
- Opportunities (Specifically MBA)
- Application Process (Process, costs, scholarships/funding, visas, fit)
- Questions

# Before looking for a degree in America...

- Ask yourselves:
  - What do you want to do?
  - Where do you want to do it?
  - How important is prestige?
  - College or University?
  - Public or Private?
- Check school websites for more information
  - Information sessions that you can attend online

# College vs. University

## College

- Generally smaller (could be part of a university)
- Usually has less majors to choose from

## University

- Generally larger
- Usually has more majors to choose from

# State vs. Private

## State

- Generally Cheaper (still expensive by European standards)
- Generally Less Prestigious (still prestigious though)

## Private

- Generally Expensive
- Generally More Prestigious (Think Harvard)

# What is a MBA?

- MBA = Master of Business Administration
- Degree covers various aspects of business including: accounting, finance, marketing, human resources, etc.
- Usually need to take either GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) or GRE (Graduate Record Examination)

# Similar Degrees

- Master of Science in Management (MSc)
  - Very similar to MBA; some differences → usually requires no prior work experience, usually more theory focused, more research focused.
- Master of Finance (MFin)
  - For example, would prepare you to work in an investment/corporate bank, insurance companies, finance-related departments of government.
- Master of Accounting (MAcc)



# Usually how long are the programs?

- Full-time study → 2 years
- Part-time study → 3 years +
  - Can work at the same time to help finance study
- Distance Learning → Take classes online
- Hybrid → Online and face to face

# Tutorial: University at Buffalo

- State University of New York at Buffalo:
  - “Additional steps for International Applicants”:



# What jobs can I get with an MBA?

- Just a few “hot jobs”:
  - Operations research analyst
  - IT manager
  - Management analyst
  - Financial analyst
  - Human Resources Specialist
  - Information Security Analyst

Courtesy of: [usnews.com](http://usnews.com)

**ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS**  
check the specifics of each  
program.

All programs are different and  
may have different  
requirements for application.



# Erasmus Programs

- University of Rzeszow offers exchange programs in business, for example: Budapest Business School (Hungary) and Jade Hochschule – University of Applied Sciences (Germany)
- Check the list of partner universities on the University of Rzeszow website:  
<http://www.ur.edu.pl/en/university/erasmus/partner-universities>

Finding the right fit

*Let's put the "U" in  
"University"*



- Academic programs
- Location (fit)
- Cost
- Job placement after graduation

# Admissions Office

- International Support Office?
- Online info session / Skype meeting with current students
- Student Life on Campus?
  - Accommodations
- Location
  - Seasons
  - Public Transit
- Faculty







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## INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS

The Castleton English Language Institute  
Undergraduate Degree Programs  
Graduate Degree Programs

**COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS  
BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**Email:** international@castleton.edu

**Mail:** International Student Office  
Castleton University  
86 Seminary Street  
Castleton, Vermont 05735 U.S.A.

**Fax:** 802-468-1476

Your Photo Here

37mm x 37mm

**Phone:** Toll-free inside U.S. (800) 639-8521; Office (802) 468-1371

**Web:** www.castleton.edu/admissions

### 1. PERSONAL AND VISA INFORMATION

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name/Family Name/ Surname First Name/Given Name Middle

Permanent Home Address (non-U.S. address) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apartment Number or Specific Location (NOT P.O. Box Address)

City Province/State Country Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apartment Number or P.O. Box Number

City Province/State Country Postal Code

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Country code Country code

Country of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth (month/date/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever obtained a U.S. Visa before? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, what visa type \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a U.S. citizenship or green card? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently in the U.S., what is your visa type? (F-1, F-2, J-1, J-2, B-2, B-1, H1B, H4.....) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently an international student in the U.S., please indicate the U.S. school whose I-20 or DS-2019 you presently hold:



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## 6. EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

We encourage you to submit a resume. Please list extra-curricular, community service, and/or volunteer, activities in which you have been involved.

Are you interested in participating in varsity sports at Castleton? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ . If yes, please indicate from the list:

Female:	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	Male:	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Hockey
	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Nordic Skiing		<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer		<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Nordic Skiing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Field Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball		<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis		<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field		<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field
		<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball			

List your recent employment history (employer, position, city/state/province, dates started/completed.) \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' current marital status: Married \_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_ Widow/widower \_\_\_\_

How many siblings do you have? \_\_\_\_ How many are still in school? \_\_\_\_

If you have relative[s] in the US, please list their names, their relationship to you and their U.S. address. \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. HOUSING

It is a condition of admission that all new students who do not commute from home must live in the college residence halls and participate in a college meal plan. Please check one: ☐ I will be living on campus

☐ I will be commuting from my parents' home/or my home

☐ If I can receive permission to do so, I would like to live off campus.

Enclose a letter requesting permission and detailing my reasons.

## 9. ESSAY

The essay is an important part of your application to Castleton and helps us to evaluate your motivation and potential for college-level work beyond grades and standardized tests. Please submit on a separate sheet of paper a typed essay of at least 250 words and be sure to include your full name and date of birth.

First Year Students: We encourage you to submit an essay on the topic of your choice. You are welcome to use the following suggestions.

- Discuss your motivation for pursuing college-level study, addressing your personal interests and career goals.
- Describe an independent study, community service project, internships, or senior project that you have completed or are pursuing during your high school career that involves at least a semester's worth of work. In addition to describing your topic, explain the process your work follows, what you found most challenging, and if you hope to pursue any aspect of this project at the college-level. Feel free to attach an official summary or proposal of your project.

Transfer Students

- Explain your learning experience at your current or last college or university. Explain how Castleton University fits into your academic and future goals.

Graduate Applicant

- Two recommendation letters, a current resume, and a written statement (limited to 250 words)



## 10. NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Every member of Castleton should work to ensure non-discriminatory processes and practices with faculty, staff, and students.

Qualified students are recruited for, admitted to, and participate in all college programs without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability. The college will provide reasonable accommodations to create equal opportunity for students with known disabilities.

Faculty, administrators, and staff are employed without discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job requirements. The college will make reasonable accommodations to the known disability of an otherwise qualified applicant or employee. Additionally, the college will engage in affirmative efforts to recruit, admit, and support students, and to recruit, employ, and support employees, in order to achieve the diversity which advances the educational mission.

Castleton University complies with State and Federal Laws related to equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Any question or complaint about potential or perceived discrimination in violation of any state or federal law should be directed to Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, Woodruff Hall, (802) 468-1208; or the Vermont State Colleges Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier; or the Vermont Office of the Attorney General; or the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission in Washington, D.C.

Please contact Janet Hazelton, Equal Opportunity Officer, if auxiliary aid or service is needed to apply for admission or employment.

## 11. STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW CAMPUS CRIME

The United States Department of Education requires colleges and universities to make available annual statistics on our students' continuation and graduation rates. Contact the Admissions or Communication Office for this information. Additionally Castleton's annual security report provides information about the operation of the College's Public Safety Department; college safety and security, alcohol and drug, and sexual assault policies; and campus crime statistics for a variety of crimes including murder, manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, along with information regarding on-campus alcohol, drug, and weapons violations. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Admissions, Business, Communications, Public Safety, and Registrar's Office.

## 12. I HEREBY DECLARE

I understand that, if admitted, I will be required to submit a completed health form including a record of immunizations as required by Vermont State Statute, in order to register for classes.

I understand that Castleton University may wish from time to time to provide public notice of certain student accomplishments and/or to use photographs of students for publications in various types of college promotional material. I do hereby give my permission to Castleton University to provide public notice of my accomplishments as it may feel appropriate, and/or to use my photograph, without compensation, in published promotional material. If you do not grant permission, please attach a signed letter requesting us to withhold public use of name and photo. Not attaching a note signifies acceptance.

Credits earned at the Vermont State Colleges are transferable to other colleges or universities only at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Information provided on the Application Form will be released to other Vermont State Colleges for admission purposes. In consideration of the undertaking by the Admissions Office to process this form, the undersigned agree that the information furnished on this application for admission form, together with all information and materials of any kind received by the Admissions Office from any source, or prepared by anyone at its request, shall be completely confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided by PL 93-380 "Family Rights and Privacy Act."

I understand that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to or continuation at Castleton University. With this in mind, I certify that the above statements are correct and complete.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(If an applicant is under 18 years of age)

Please enclose a \$40 application fee, payable by check or money order to Castleton University.





# Cost of Studying in the U.S.

- **Most** students need additional funding
- Universities are very motivated to recruit international students—ASK FOR HELP
- Masters? Ask for about assistantships
  - You're awesome!
  - There are ways to get a Masters debt free
- Doctoral?

# Examples of Financial Aid

- Teaching Assistant (TA)
  - Various topics of study
- Graduate Assistantship (GA)
  - Housing
  - Activities
  - Coaching
  - Research Assistant
- Financial Aid (Fulbright?)
- Merit Based

# TOEFL, Visa, GRE...

- International applicants are required to provide different information than U.S. students
- <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/pl/pl-niv-visaapply.asp>
- You will need a student visa
- Again, your admissions counselor is the point person to direct questions (this is their job and they are happy to help!)
- GRE
- ETS.org



# Application Deadlines

- Rolling admission vs. Application deadline
- Give yourself extra time
- Ask someone to proof read for you



*Kevin advice: ask if they can waive the application fee (why not?)*

# Contact John or Kevin

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