

Alternative routes to America

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Many consider simply only the price tag and the top ten universities when higher education in the US is mentioned. 'Too expensive,' they all say. However, from my role as an international HE counsellor, I assure you there are many other paths for those interested in the broad approach on offer in American higher education.

The US university 'Liberal Arts' curriculum allows international students to explore interesting subjects, within the parameters of the four-year undergraduate degree. This is quite exciting for many students who are still unsure of their calling. Yet even for those who know their course, studying abroad may be personally useful and America's flexibility extends well past the top 15 universities.

Consider applying to scholarships to other major US universities as there are hundreds of universities striving to attract international students. Such scholarships can put the cost on par with UK institutions. Or if four years is just not possible consider the British university which offers a semester or year abroad programme to the States. It is not a degree abroad, but an incredible opportunity which does not require extra time at University.

These questions and considerations are how we help our clients make the best decision for their next educational step. We are Mayflower, the approachable experts in US higher education.