

PASSPORT AND VISA INFO

DON'T PUT IT OFF!!!! IT TAKES 6+ WEEKS TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT.

U.S. PASSPORT INFO:

The U.S. Passport Services Office provides information and services to American citizens about how to obtain, replace or change a passport.

A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. Only the U.S. Department of State has the authority to grant, issue, or verify United States passports.

Application for a U.S. Passport:

To obtain a passport for the first time, you need to go in person to one of 7,000 passport acceptance facilities located throughout the United States with two photographs of yourself, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification such as a driver's license.

Acceptance facilities include many Federal, state and probate courts, post offices, some public libraries and a number of county and municipal offices. There are also 13 regional passport agencies, which serve customers who are traveling within 2 weeks (14 days), or who need foreign visas for travel. Appointments are required in such cases.

You'll need to apply in person IF:

- you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time;
- your expired U.S. passport is not in your possession;
- your previous U.S. passport has expired and was issued more than 15 years ago;
- your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were under 16, or your currently valid U.S. passport has been lost or stolen.

For more information on getting a new passport, please go to <http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>

Renewal of a U.S. Passport:

You can renew by mail IF:

- your most recent passport is available to submit and it is not damaged;
- you received the passport within the past 15 years;
- you were over age 16 when it was issued;
- you still have the same name, or you can legally document your name change.

If your passport has been, altered or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.

For more information on how to renew a passport, please go to: <http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>

U.S. CITIZEN VISA INFO:

Information on visa requirements for U.S. citizens is available online:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures_1229.html. If you are participating in a GT Summer Program, the Pacific Study Abroad Program, or the Argentina Semester Program, your Program Director/Coordinator will provide you with information on visa requirements, if any are required.

NON-U.S. CITIZENS:

Because passport and visa requirements vary according to the country of citizenship, Non-U.S. citizens are required to contact the foreign embassy directly to get information on visas. Furthermore, non-U.S. citizens are responsible for applying for the required visas on their own. Please visit

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/brochures/brochures_1229.html for foreign embassy contact information.

Failure to obtain the proper visas is grounds for dismissal from GT programs, and therefore, students who do not acquire visas are not entitled to any refunds of program fees. GT International Students should make an appointment with an International Student Advisor in the OIE to ensure that they maintain their F-1/J-1 visa status in the U.S. while participating in GT study abroad; please e-mail info@oie.gatech.edu to schedule an appointment.

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT VISA REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME. YOU MUST ALWAYS TRAVEL WITH YOUR PASSPORT WHEN CROSSING BORDERS, THIS INCLUDES ALL COUNTRIES IN THE E.U.

