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College Education in the United States & in Saudi Arabia

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One of the most beautiful things in human life is to take advantage of multiple opportunities - I have had the opportunity to receive scholarships while obtaining my Bachelor's degree, once in Saudi Arabia and now in the United States. These opportunities have given me very different experiences. I received my first university degree in Saudi Arabia in the Arabic language with strict religious teachings and harsh environmental conditions in the heat. I will earn my second university degree at Moravian College in the United States, where you are free to pursue your dreams. The environment in Pennsylvania has mild weather in the summer and very cold winters.

One of the similarities between the university in Saudi Arabia and Moravian College is that they both have been in existence for over one hundred years collectively. In addition, both institutions remain current with technology and the needs of students in the modern world. Both institutions have many disciplines and courses of study.

They differ in two points. My university in Saudi Arabia is characterized by the fact that tuition is free, but in the United States there are fees. One major difference I have experienced at Moravian College in the United States is that it offers students services to support their educational journey, such as the office of Academic Support, the Counseling Center, tutoring options, as well as many other services. In contrast, at my university in Saudi Arabia, each student is responsible for his or her own academic journey and does not have access to resources like those at Moravian College.

Announcements from Manny, Amy & Anize

- Drop In Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 2-4pm in CGE
- All other inquiries must make an appointment
- International students: make sure to stop by the CGE House to get your I-20 signed if you are traveling over Winter Break.
- Study abroad students: Be sure to participate in a pre-departure orientation with Anize before you leave for the semester.



All About United States Passports for US Citizens

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In order to leave the country and study abroad, you must get an official United States passport. Read below for a general explanation of the steps. Please take note that all official information on obtaining or renewing passports is available on the Travel.State.Gov website. Follow the directions on the U.S. Passports page on the Travel.State.Gov website for official information at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>



1 FILL OUT APPLICATION FORM either online or print out the form and fill it out.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Birth certificate
- Physical primary photo ID
- Provide a photo
 - You must follow all photo requirements and can get this done at a pharmacy like CVS or Walgreens, or do it yourself with special attention to the requirements of the photo
- A method of payment to pay the application fee
 - If applying at a passport agency, can pay with credit card, money order, exact cash, or pre-paid credit card.
 - Once the passport is accepted, you must pay a \$35 execution/acceptance fee that can be paid by money order, exact cash, check, or credit card.



3 FIND A LOCATION that you can apply for a passport.

- Information on the most convenient location for you can be found on the passport website.
- You must bring all of the required passport application materials here.
- You should go to an acceptance facility if you are going through the standard 8+ weeks in advance process.
- If you need your passport in less than 8 weeks, you have to go to a passport agency or center.



THINGS TO NOTE:

- You can get your passport expedited for an additional cost if you need it less than 8 weeks before your departure.
- If you've never had a passport, you must apply in person at an official location and have to pay a fee of \$110+ (subject to any special circumstances).
- If you have to renew your passport, you can do it via mail for \$30-\$110 (subject to the type of passport you are renewing). Follow the directions on the U.S. Passports page on the Travel.State.Gov website for official information.