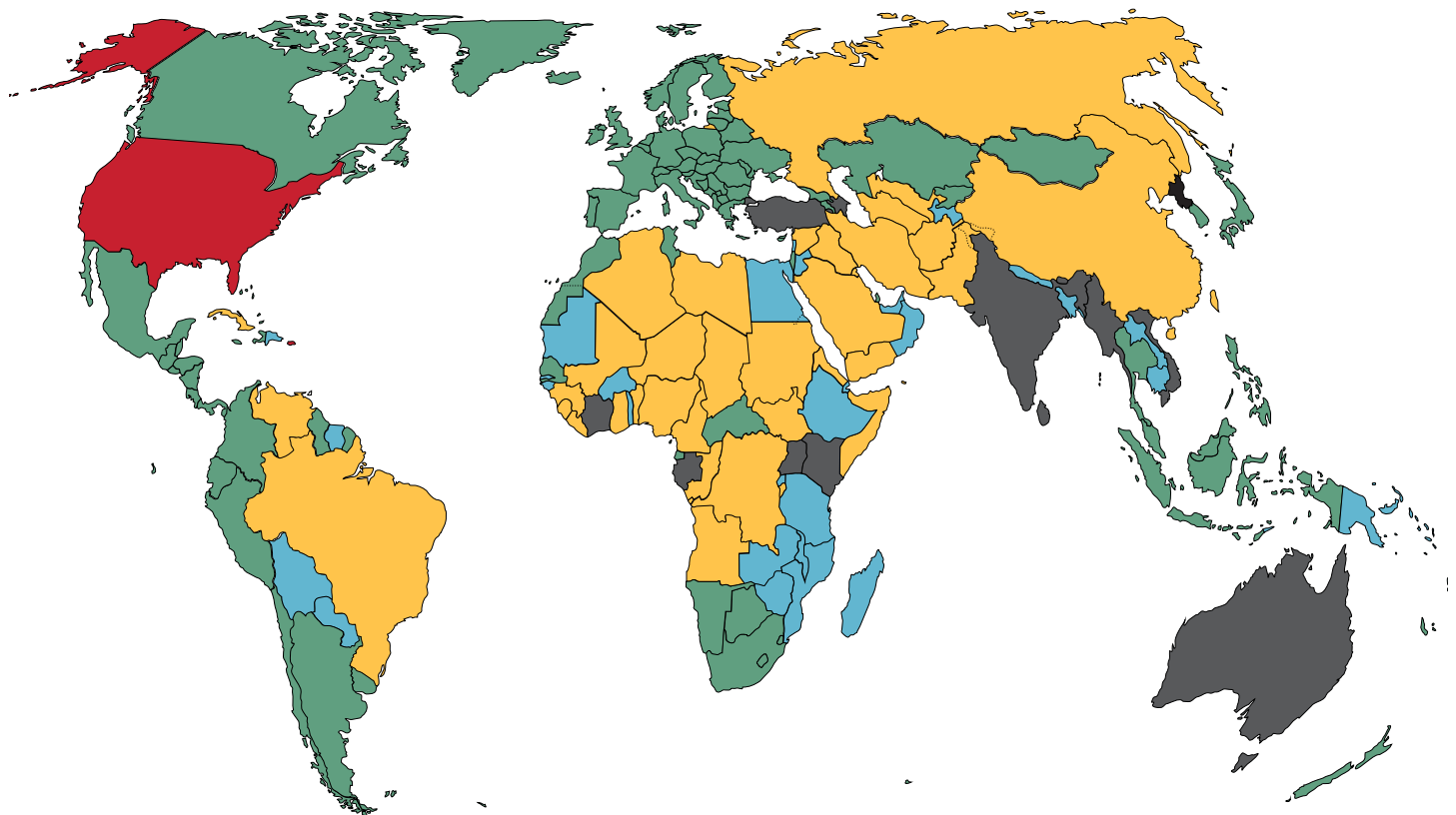


What are the different types of visas, and which one is appropriate for my Study Abroad purpose?

There are multiple types of visas available for studying abroad, depending on the country you plan to study in, as each country has its visa categories and requirements. Every country can have a different visa process with unique requirements and procedures for obtaining your visa. It's essential to check the consulate website of the country where you will be studying to determine the specific requirements, procedures, and the type of visa that you will need.

In most cases, students going abroad for study purposes are typically required to obtain a study visa. This often involves applying for a visa through the embassy or consulate of the country where you plan to study. Each country has its own unique requirements and specific procedures for its visa application. Below are some examples of the processes you might encounter depending on the country you're interested in and your citizenship type.



-  **No Visa Required**
-  **Visa on arrival**
-  **eVisa or Electronic Authorization**
-  **Visa required in advance**

Visa-Free Travel



Definition: Visa-free travel means that you can enter a country without obtaining a visa beforehand.

Applicability: Typically, citizens of certain countries can enjoy visa-free travel to specific destinations for short stays. The duration of stay and conditions vary by country.

eVisa (Electronic Visa)



Definition: An eVisa is an electronic version of a traditional visa that is obtained online before traveling.

Applicability: Some countries offer eVisas for various purposes, including tourism, business, or study. Applicants usually fill out an online form and receive an electronic visa that they need to present upon arrival.

Visa on Arrival



Definition: With a visa on arrival, travelers can obtain a visa when they arrive at the destination country.

Applicability: This option is available at the port of entry. Travelers need to fulfill certain conditions and pay the visa fee upon arrival.

Visa



Definition: A traditional visa is a document or stamp in a passport that allows the holder to enter, stay, or leave that country for a specific period and purpose.

Applicability: Depending on the type of visa, it can be for tourism, study, work, or other purposes. Visas are usually obtained through an embassy or consulate before traveling.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)



Definition: Similar to an eVisa, an Electronic Travel Authorization is an entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals traveling to certain countries.

Applicability: It's often a simple online application process that allows authorities to screen travelers before they arrive.

Important Reminders

Northeastern University has no influence on the outcome of immigration applications, including the decisions and policies of different consulates or other immigration authorities. Northeastern has no ability to inquire about an individual immigration application or to expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, Northeastern employees are unable to provide legal advice to students or families concerning country-specific immigration requirements and/or application processes.

Students are responsible for completing all required applications for immigration permissions or registrations correctly and in a timely manner and for obtaining any required permissions prior to the program start date. If the student cannot obtain valid permission in time for the program start date, please reach out to your study abroad advisor and contact the GEO office to discuss the next steps.