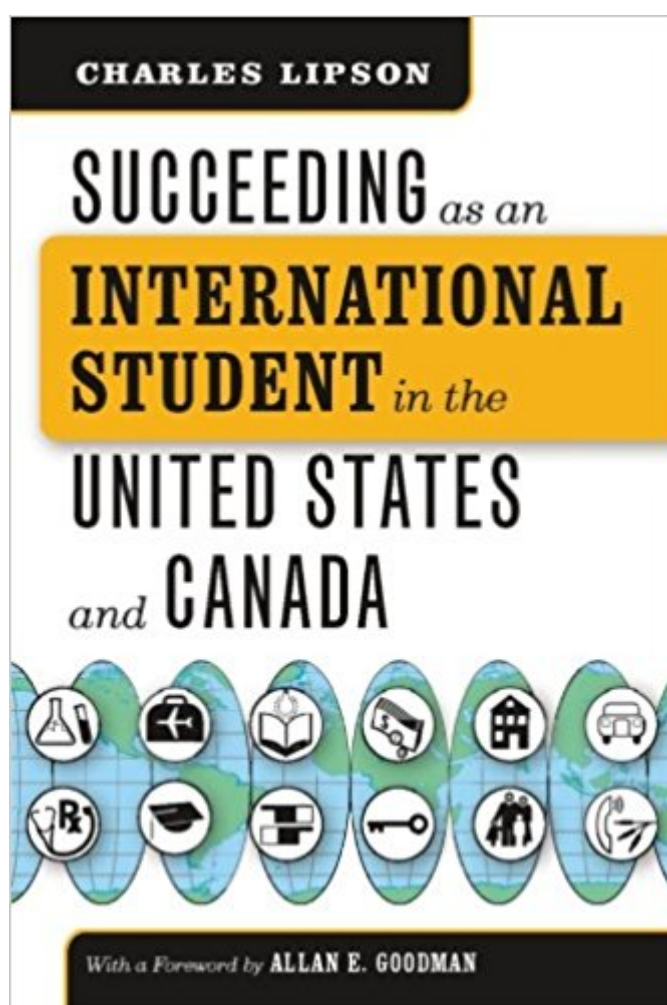


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# Succeeding As An International Student In The United States And Canada (Chicago Guides To Academic Life)



## Synopsis

Each year, 700,000 students from around the world come to the United States and Canada to study. For many, the experience is as challenging as it is exciting. Far from home, they must adapt to a new culture, new university system, and in many cases, a new language. The process can be overwhelming, but as Charles Lipson's *Succeeding as an International Student in the United States and Canada* assures us, it doesn't have to be. *Succeeding* is designed to help students navigate the myriad issues they will encounter from picking a program to landing a campus job. Based on Lipson's work with international students as well as extensive interviews with faculty and advisers, *Succeeding* includes practical suggestions for learning English, participating in class, and meeting with instructors. In addition it explains the rules of academic honesty as they are understood in U.S. and Canadian universities. Life beyond the classroom is also covered, with handy sections on living on or off campus, obtaining a driver's license, setting up a bank account, and more. The comprehensive glossary addresses both academic terms and phrases heard while shopping or visiting a doctor. There is even a chapter on the academic calendar and holidays in the United States and Canada. Coming to a new country to study should be an exciting venture, not a baffling ordeal. Now, with this trustworthy resource, international students have all the practical information they need to succeed, in and out of the classroom.

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"Lipson provides a true insider's perspective on American higher education with a view from the classroom to help students find their way around and get the most out of their academic pursuits. Professor Lipson guides students through the day-to-day details of life in North America, and, more significantly, he explains with tremendous insight the nuances of the academic environments in which they will be working.... We are all in his debt." - From the Foreword by Allan E. Goodman, President & CEO, Institute of International Education "A well-written, highly informative guide to campus life abroad.... The advice is valuable and Lipson's direct and informal style very effective." - Philip G. Altbach, Director of the Center for International Higher Education at Boston College"

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If you've been through the university experience in North America already, you won't read anything in this book that you don't already know. HOWEVER, it may help you understand that many of the things you think are obvious are in fact not so obvious to students from other countries. I've been in the international education field for eight years, and I'm currently making a transition from ESL teacher to ISSS administrative role. This book lays out simply and clearly many of the challenges that international students face, so it has helped me to better understand potential problems I will face in counseling students.

This book was recommended to me by head of the Fulbright program in Ukraine. Unfortunately, I bought it too late - after one month in US. The book is really good and well structured. It contains not only general information about American academic culture but also many everyday things: greetings in different parts of the country, spending free time, buying a car and so on. But you have to know. This book is predominately about US education. Canadian universities are described only in comparison with US ones.

Right now I am in USA studying. I bought this book when I was planning to come to the USA. I wanted to have a prepective of what to expect. THe book is accurate and helpful!

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