

## Applying for Your Student Visa: Georgia

### What is a visa?

A visa is official authorization allowing you to enter a country and travel, work, live, or study there for a specific period of time. Generally, a visa is an elaborate stamp that is sealed onto one of the pages of your passport. Visas are issued to American citizens by a foreign country's Embassy or Consulate located in the United States. Every country has its own regulations governing the issuance of visas.

### Do I need a visa to go to the Georgia?

United States citizens do not require visas to enter Georgia for up to 360 days.

### Do I need anything else?

- **A valid passport;** It is recommended that you carry a copy of your US passport with you at all times while in Georgia. It is advisable to also carry a copy of your passport with you in case you lose the original.
  - ◆ Please see page 1 in the Study Abroad Handbook for information on how to apply for a passport.
  - ◆ Apply early for your passport! It may take 6-8 weeks to process your application.
- For more information on traveling, studying, and working in Georgia visit:

[http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang\\_id=ENG&sec\\_id=46&info\\_id=3446](http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=46&info_id=3446)

### Who Can I Contact?

For any further questions that you might have, feel free to place a call with the embassy or consulate-general.

#### Embassy of Georgia

**Address:** 2209 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington DC, 20008

**Phone:** (202) 387-9153

**Email:** [emgeorgiausa@yahoo.com](mailto:emgeorgiausa@yahoo.com)

**Website:** [http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang\\_id=ENG&sec\\_id=46&info\\_id=3449](http://embassy.mfa.gov.ge/index.php?lang_id=ENG&sec_id=46&info_id=3449)

#### Consulate-General of Georgia: New York

(Handles visa inquiries)

**Address:** 144 East 44<sup>th</sup> St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017

**Phone:** (212) 867-3617 **Fax:** (212) 867-3654

**Email:** [georgianconsulate1@verizon.net](mailto:georgianconsulate1@verizon.net); [newyork.con@mfa.gov.ge](mailto:newyork.con@mfa.gov.ge)

Persons who plan to stay longer than the maximum 360 days must apply to regional services of the Civil Registration Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and receive temporary or permanent residence permits.

**Address:** Saburtalo District Agency -Budapest St.N2

Vake District Agency- Irakli Abashidze St. N68