

Additional Consular Interview Questions

This is a supplemental document intended to help you prepare for your visa interview. Know and practice your answers to the below questions.

Part One: College & University Questions

1. What is the name of the college or university you are planning on attending and why did you choose to go to this specific university or college?
2. What is the name of the university where you completed your undergraduate or graduate degree, and where is it? (If graduate student)
3. In what year did you get your Bachelor's degree and from which university?
4. Why did you choose this program/university? Why not study in your home country?
5. Why this course? A business degree is general, what will you do with it?
6. Do you know your undergraduate Academic GPA or Percentage?
7. Let us know more about your university: Where is it, which degree did you study or which degree are you planning on studying?
8. Tell us the name of the professors you are in contact with from the US university.
9. To how many universities did you apply to and why?
10. What are the names of the universities you have applied to?
11. Did you get accepted by all of them?
12. What are the names of the universities you got accepted to?
13. What are the reasons for you coming to study in the United States?
14. How long are you planning to stay in the United States?
15. Why did you apply to this university and not to another one? And how do you know about this university?
16. Tell us more about your academic background.
17. Are you also planning to study a Ph.D. in the US after having completed your master's degree?
18. The major which you are taking is also available at other universities, why did you decide to go to this university and not to one of the others?

Part 2: Bank & Finance

1. Who is paying for your education?
2. How are they able to pay for it? What is their professional background?
3. Tell us more about your father's/mother's job and income and how long they have been working for the company.
4. What is the monthly income of the person who is going to sponsor your studies?
5. Apart from that, tell us more of your sponsor's annual income?
6. How much does your university cost for a year?
7. Does your sponsor pay for all of it or did you also get a loan?
8. Please show us your current bank statement.

9. If you are planning to stay for two or three years, how will you finance your education and your living?
10. On your bank statement, we can see large portions which only have been deposited recently. Please explain!

Part 3: Relatives & Family Members

1. Do you have brothers and sisters? If yes, how many?
2. Are any of them living in the United States or do you have any other relatives who live in the United States?
3. Does your mother/father work? If they don't, what do they do for a living?
4. Why does your brother/ sister live in the United States? What do they do here, do they work or study here?
5. What is your brother/sister doing in in the United States and where? Would you also like to stay in the US to work?
6. Did your parents/brother/sister complete any studies? Which ones?
7. In which country and in which city do your parents live?
8. As we can see you have brothers and sisters, will you parents be able to afford your education abroad in the United States?
9. Do you have any relatives studying at the same university you are planning to go to?
10. Are you in a relationship?

Part 4: Work & Job

1. If you work, why do you plan to leave your current job in order to go abroad to study?
2. Please show us your CV/resume or any other paper which shows your work experiences.
3. What is your salary at the moment?
4. Do you also have savings?
5. Once you have finished your studies, do you plan to stay in the United States to work?
6. Do you plan on working while studying?
7. Do you plan to return home during vacations/breaks? (This is a good one because they are figuring out how serious you are about going home)
8. Where can I expect you to be five years from now?

Part 5: General Questions

1. Give me 3 reasons for giving you a valid visa?
2. What are your reasons to study in the United States, why didn't you choose to go to Canada or another country?

3. Tell me some positive things about the United States, why do you like the United States as a country?
4. What are your expectations after having completed your studies and returning to your country?
5. Why do you want to do a Master's degree? Why do you want to study in America for your undergraduate degree?
6. Can you tell me why your GRE/TOEFL scores are so low?
7. I think you want to immigrate to the United States, or are you planning on going back home?
8. Tell us everything you know about the education and the education system in the US.
9. Why did you apply for a summer semester and not for the fall semester too?
10. What are your plans after having completed your studies in the US?
11. How can you prove to us that you won't stay in the US after the completion of your studies?
12. Is it your first time to the US or have you visited before?
13. What are your career goals back home after your studies? Or are you planning on going somewhere else?
14. As you choose this specific university, do you happen to know anyone who studies there?
15. What are your plans if your student visa is not approved?
16. Are you planning to go home during your summer vacation?
17. We can see you got a scholarship, why do you think they gave it to you?
18. Why don't you want to study in your home country?
19. Can you explain to us why you changed your field or career?
20. Why should we give you the possibility to study in the United States?
21. Do you think you deserve to get an F1 visa?