

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO

**US STUDENT
VISA
INTERVIEW**

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This book will help the students to understand what happens at the Embassy during their student visa interview and how they can prepare the best for it. This book is written in the context of Nepal and the interview setting might be slightly different in other countries but regardless of the location, this guide book will be helpful for all. It's made with careful research, stories from people who've been through it, and advice from experts. The goal is to give you the confidence and guide you on how to perform well during your visa interview.

As you read through the book, you'll explore the techniques for succeeding in an US F1 visa interview. It covers everything from understanding the criteria for getting a visa to presenting your answers well.

ABOUT VISA FEE

The visa fee is an important step in the process of applying for your F-1 student visa to the U.S. It's the payment you need to make **before scheduling your visa interview** at the U.S. embassy.

For F-1 student visas, this fee is also known as the Machine-Readable Visa (MRV) fee, and it's **currently \$185** as of 2024. Once you pay, you'll receive a receipt, which you'll need to keep safe for your visa interview. Please note that this fee is non-refundable.

ABOUT SEVIS FEE

The SEVIS fee is an essential part of the process for international students planning to study in the United States. It helps fund the system that keeps track of students during their stay, ensuring that everything is in order throughout your time in the U.S. It's important to know that the SEVIS fee is separate from the visa application fee and, for F-1 and M-1 visa applicants, is **currently \$350** as of 2024. This fee might vary depending on the type of visa you're applying for.

Once you've paid the fee, you'll get a receipt that you'll need to bring to your visa interview and when you enter the U.S. It's a good idea to pay the SEVIS fee **as early as possible** to avoid any last-minute issues. The SEVIS registration is **valid for one year**. Also, keep in mind that this fee is non-refundable.

1.

WHAT ARE THE VISA CRITERIA ?

If you are currently preparing for your US Student visa interview, it is common to have a feeling of uncertainty. The first section of this book will help you understand the visa criteria decided by the Consular Section of the Embassy which makes the visa decision.

There are three specific criteria which is used by the Consular officer to decide whether to give you the visa or not. Read the paragraphs below to clearly understand the visa criteria.

Criteria 1: You should have an intent to use the visa only to study.

It is a well known fact that a lot of students use their student visa as a gateway to enter USA and focus on working part time more than on studies. Visa officers usually ask questions like Why do you want to study this major ? Or Why do you want to study at this university ? To understand whether the student genuinely wants to study or not. You need to prove that your only intention behind applying for the visa is to study. You will learn how to do it in the later section of this book.

Criteria 2: You must prove that you are able to fund your program.

We cannot deny that the US education is expensive. A lot of students expect to earn money from their part time job and pay their tuition. That's not quite possible specially when you are into full time studies. Therefore, you must be able to prove that you have sponsors who can pay for your expenses.

Your sponsors must have active source of income, saving and assets which can be used for paying for your expenses. You should not have any issues in paying your tuition fees and expenses.

Criteria 3: You must have an intent to depart the US after your studies.

Your plans after your graduation must show that you have clear intentions of returning back to your country. The plan after graduation must be well researched, planned and realistic. You should also give details about the work you plan on doing after return.

SUMMARY OF VISA CRITERIA

MUST BE A GENUINE STUDENT	MUST HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS OR SOURCE OF FUNDS
MUST HAVE THE INTENTION TO RETURN BACK HOME AFTER GRADUATION	MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK IN A NATURAL WAY WITHOUT MEMORISATION

“YOU MUST MAKE THE VISA OFFICE TRUST YOU WITH YOUR INTENTION”

Apart from the three visa criteria we discussed above, you must also be able to present your answers in a very realistic and natural manner. The worst thing to do at the Embassy is to present fully memorised answers without a proper understanding. The visa officer can easily distinguish whether a person is presenting a fully memorised answers or the student actually has good knowledge about the program, university and career plans. You must be able to have a conversation as most of the student fail to have a conversation and the answers sound completely made up.

We consider information gathering and understanding to be the most important tool for interview preparation. This will help the student to remain confident no matter what the question is.

A lot of times, students depend on someone else to prepare the answer. That will make them dependent on just the prepared answers and they will lack the understanding to face the follow up questions that the visa officer may ask. Remember to prepare for the interview yourself. A ready-made answer will never be as effective as a personally prepared answers.

2.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE INTERVIEW DAY ?

In this section, you will learn what happens at the Embassy during the interview day. You will visit the US Embassy to take an interview with the consular officer (commonly referred as visa officer) but there are a series of steps before that.

The first thing to do it to reach the Embassy on time. It is recommended to reach the Embassy at least 45 minutes in advance to make sure you have enough time for everything. Then, you can enter the Embassy by showing your appointment confirmation. Arrange all your documents before entering. Prior to the interview, there will be a biometric collection where your picture and fingerprints are collected. In some countries, the biometric is collected in a different day but it is collected on the same day in Nepal as of 2024.

After your biometric, you will stay in a queue and face the visa officer. You will be standing throughout the interview and most of the time, the visa officer will be standing too. After the interview, the visa officer will either give you a green slip, a yellow slip or a pink slip. A green slip means you have been granted a visa, a yellow slip means your visa has been rejected and a pink slip means that the visa officer needs more information to take the decision in your case. Pink slip is very rare but if you got one, visa officer can either ask you for more information or collect information on their own and take the decision later. If your visa is granted, the passport will be kept for adding a visa sticker on it and it will be returned to you soon. In Nepal, the passport is normally sent to a local bank and you can collect it from there. The colour of the slip you receive after the interview and their meaning can be different in different countries.

(This is a general visa interview pattern in Nepal as of 2024, it can be different in different Nations.)

3.

WHAT KIND OF QUESTION CAN THE VISA OFFICER ASK ME ?

The visa officer can ask you anything. There is no pattern or limit to the questions that the visa officer can ask you. Most of the time, the questions that the visa officer will ask you will be relevant to your university, your major, your family, your past academic qualification and your future plans. The the interview will not be limited to these questions so make sure you get in-depth knowledge about every thing relevant to you and your choices.

Apart from this, the officer can also ask you follow up question based on your answer. For example; if you say you want to start a business after your graduation, the visa officer can stop you in between and ask you what kind of business do you want to have. Another example can be: if you say you will get hands-on experience in USA, you can be asked what hands-on experience means. If you have said that your parents own a business, the visa officer can ask you how many employees are working in the company. There is an unlimited list of follow up questions that the visa officer can ask you so it is better to stay prepared.

At the end of this document, we have attached a list of questions that are commonly asked at the Embassy but remember that the visa officer may ask questions beyond this list too.

4.

WHY USA ?

HOW TO PREPARE

Before starting your preparation for this question, ask yourself if you have really done research about the US Education system and why it can be a good place to study the major that you have chosen.

If you think you lack knowledge, first start with knowing about the US education culture. Watch videos made by different universities, visit websites, read articles about the US Education system and collect information about the in general. Also research about the field you are interested in. For example: Rather than searching “Why USA in Education ?” In google, search, “Why is US a good destination to study Mechanical Engineering?”. It will help you give answers specific to your field.

You must have enough information about the opportunities students get in USA and how the education system will help you meet your expectations before you start preparing for your answers. The answer you will be giving must be very personal to you and you should demonstrate why US is a good choice for you. If you give general answers which can be easily found in google, it won't be very fruitful.

What do I mean by personal answer ? See the example below to better understand it.

General Answer: US Universities help students get research opportunities.

Personalised Answer: I want to do a research in Psychological Stress and I can do it with the help of undergraduate research option provided by US universities.

General Answer: I will get practical education opportunities in the USA.

Personalised Answer: As a student of agriculture, I will get an opportunity to actually visit the field and learn the agricultural practices through the US education.

Make your answers as personal as you can. You need to demonstrate your reason for choosing US and not why students choose US in general.

SOME SAMPLE ANSWERS FOR WHY USA ?

Innovation like Apple's Vision Pro and Meta Quest VR were developed in USA and I am confident that US is very ahead in-terms of technology related to virtual and augmented reality. I believe this country is perfect for my education because I will get exposed design studios and VR labs which I would be rarely getting in other countries. I will also be getting a degree which will be full of skills and recognition and that will definitely help me make a successful career back home.

(This is an answer prepared by student who is going to study Bachelors in Virtual Technology and Design. This is the good answer because the answers are relevant to the student's major and the student has used his personal reason for choosing USA rather than stating the generic ideas from the google)

As a student of BBA specialising in Marketing, I will get an opportunity to learn international business and latest marketing practices from USA. I also believe that studying in USA will help me a lot to boost my understand about the global business trends as universities work closely with the businesses and even offer students the opportunities to visit business companies for internship. This exposure will be very helpful for me to build a clothing brand of my own.

(This answer was prepared by a student who have chosen to study marketing in Bachelors level. The answer is relevant to the major and is highly personalised)

US is the best destination to learn and explore criminology as their educational programs are very relevant to the industry practices and they also have the right resources for learning. As I want to learn about policy formation and law enforcement, I believe USA is perfect for me as it has an international learning environment and exposure. I will also be able to compare and contrast the international justice systems if I study in USA and it will help me get international perspective on criminology and better equip me to address the complex challenges within Nepal's criminal justice system.

(This answer was prepared by a student who have chosen to Masters in Criminology. It is good sample as it shows the understanding of the student about their major)

5.

WHY THIS MAJOR ?

HOW TO PREPARE

Do you really know what you will learn under the major you selected ?
Do you know how your chosen major is going to help you in your life ?
Have you done research about the career possibilities after completing the degree you have chosen ?

If the answer to any of these question is no, then you should first get to know about your major. The first thing to do it to go through the course units that you will be studying. You can easily find it through the university's website. After that, try researching about the career options after completing a certain degree and see if your future plan fits with the available career options.

The visa offer wants to know whether you really have an intention to study or you are just attracted by the American lifestyle and you want to enter US with an intention of settling down there. So, it is your responsibility to prove to the officer that you are excited and eager to join your chosen program and that you are clear about why you are choosing this subject. Like we discussed before, you need to have a very personalised answer.

There are two things that I recommend you to include in your answers for why this major. The first one is what you will learn from the degree. And the second one is to talk about why you need those learnings and skills.

I wish to be a software programmer and I need this degree to get the right programming and software development skills so that I can join the top tech companies in Nepal as a developer in the future. This degree will also be helpful for me to learn problem solving and data management skills which I believe are very important for a programmer.

If you have a look at this example, you will see that the student has included what he wants to do and how will the degree help him get the right skills. There are more things you can add to your answer like how you got interested in this field and what prior skills or experience you have in the area you have chosen to study as well. But remember that the answer must be very personalised. You cannot say points like I was interested in software programming from my childhood. No one is going to trust you on this.

SOME SAMPLE ANSWERS FOR WHY THIS MAJOR ?

I have chosen computer engineering because it will help me to learn about electronics programming and human-robot interactions which will help me to build robots which can be directly used for healthcare. I want to build fully functional robotic arms and legs instead of prosthetic limbs and I also want to build robots which can perform complex medical surgeries. This major is perfect for me because it will help me to learn about artificial intelligence, robotics, advanced programming language, operating systems, human anatomy and so much more.

(This answer is a good example because the student is clear about why this degree is required for him and what he will be doing with the help of the skills learned from the degree)

I already have an experience in the field of health care and I have chosen this major for my career growth. I am currently a registered nurse in Nepal but I am looking for a career in a managing and leadership role. This degree program is the best fit for me as it helps me to understand the concept of health care systems, health care management, clinical performance, public health, patient communication and more. So, this degree is perfect for my professional skill development for career enhancement.

(This is another example of a good answer where the student is clear about her reasons for choosing the subject)

I have attended Disaster Management Training through Red Cross and I have volunteered in several programs related to impact of climate change. That made me interested in learning about climate change, its impact and solving the international crisis related to it. Thus major will help me to understand about the geospatial software to measure the impact of climate change and will further help me to understand climatology, climate driven natural disasters and natural resources management. It will also help me get the research skills I will need to be a climate change scientist in Nepal.

(The plan and the reason for selecting the major is presented really well by the student. Therefore, it is a good sample answer)

6.

WHY THIS UNIVERSITY ?

HOW TO PREPARE

Different universities have different features. And each student might have a different reason for choosing a certain university. So the first step while preparing an answer for why this university is to understand the university and the opportunities it provides to its students. University's website is the best place to research about any university. Website contains information about the students clubs and organisations, student support services, competitions, projects, course curriculum offered and every other opportunity a university offers to its students. You can even visit the social media pages to know about the involvement opportunities.

After collecting all the required information about the university from its website, google sites and social media, decide on which feature about the university is more relevant to you. For example: If you are a student of Agribusiness, the Agribusiness process centre at your university might be the most important feature for you.

Likewise, you can select the top 3 reasons why your chosen university is the best fit for you. You can mention the same three reason when the visa officer asks you why did you choose this university.

There are certain things that you should avoid when preparing the answer. The first thing you should avoid is the facts that has nothing to do with learning opportunities or support services. Like it is a waste to talk about the university's establishment date when the offer asks you why did you choose this university. Another thing you should avoid is stating very generic answers. Following are the examples of very generic answers that you should avoid.

Do not say:

The classroom size of the university is small.

The university has good education.

The university is very recognised.

The university of reputed.

The professors are qualified and experienced.

Refer to the answers provided below for better examples:

SOME SAMPLE ANSWERS FOR WHY THIS UNIVERSITY ?

I have chosen Webster University because it is a very competitive university and has one of the best business programs. I have seen the course curriculum and they offer really interesting units like international marketing and professional selling for students specialising in marketing. I will also get an opportunity to be a part of their global citizenship program and the business and marketing clubs on campus which will definitely help me get some really good learning opportunities.

University of Idaho was so many things on-campus which can help students learn and grow. It has virtual design studios, capstone design program, competitions and expos every year which will help me learn while experimenting. Apart of that, some of the faculty members like Jean Marc Guithier even have experience of working with NASA which will help me get even more field exposure. I even took a virtual tour of the university and the campus is really beautiful so I am really excited to join the university of Idaho.

Troy University was very supportive with my application process. They have an amazing business management program where I will be able to specialise in global business and learn about making the right strategic decision for my business. I also found a lot of activities on campus which were relevant to my major like getting involved in the events organised by the business club, visiting businesses and attending occasional lectures by the industry experts. The university also comes totally under my family's budget and we do not need to take any loan for my education. So, Troy University is perfect for me.

Arkansas one once an agricultural university when it was first build so it still has some of the best facilities for students studying plant science. Like it has computer controlled green house, field dedicated for experiments and plant science clubs for students. I also loved the major it is offering as Agronomy and Plant science is really focused on helping students learn about how to regulate, control and increase plant growth and production. So, Arkansas is a really good university for plant science.

LATech University, the name itself has tech in it. It has some of the best facilities for students like Tech X lab and Cyber Defence Club which will

allow to me to do an undergraduate research with other students with similar interest. There are also multiple research going on in the field of information assurance and secure cyberspace under Dr Thosam Stafford and I can even conduct a similar research once I join the university. I also found the computer science course offered by LATech University has a lot of focus on Cyber Security and Defence System. So, I am sure I will get a lot of learning opportunities at LATech.

American Hellenic University's MBA program is the best for me as it purely a business school focusing on MBA. Apart from this, this university is also offering me 6 months mentorship program as well as practice training throughout the course. It also has a lot of opportunities for students like me like the business club and business simulation centre which I can meet people with the similar interest. I will also be able to do business research relevant to my future plan which will support my future at the university under proper guidance.

(All these answers are well researched answers and consist of on camps facilities related to student's major. And students have not only talked about the facilities but have also mentioned how they can take advantage from it. Remember not to use these answers directly for yourself. Research about your university, collect points and make answers on your own).

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6.

FUTURE PLAN

HOW TO PREPARE

Take 2 minutes right now to think about what you really want to do after your graduation. Do you know in what kind of company do you want to have your first job ? Do you know the position which you will be holding ? If you are going to do a business, do you know what kind of business will it be ? Do you know what what your roles will be at a business or job ?

If you do not have a clear answer for these questions. You should stop preparing for the interview and first look at the career pathways you can take after completing your chosen course. Look at all the career options available and choose one of the option. For example: If a student has chosen to study agriculture, the career pathways can either be to get a government job as an agricultural officer, get into agricultural research or work on or build their own agricultural firm. After you have figured out all the career pathways, decide on which one you would like to take. Then only resume with your research.

Once you have decided on the pathway. Clearly present it to the visa officer. Do not say generic ideas like I want to work for a company after graduation or I want to have my own business after graduation. Give details !

Having an unclear future plan may indicate that you may not be sure about the choice of your studies. And this can add risk to you interview. Here are some of the answers you should strictly avoid.

1. After my graduation, I will return back to my home country and I will get a job in my related field. X (This is a bad answer because the student has not clarified what the related field means. And there are no specifications about the job or the responsibilities)
2. I want to have a business in the field of information technology after my graduation. X (There can be thousands of different types of businesses operating in the field of information technology. What kind of business do you want to run ? This is an incomplete answer.)
3. I will support my parents with their business after my graduation. X (You can definitely work to expand your family business but you should

have plans on the changes you will be making in the business. Also add details about the kind of service or product the business is selling and how you plan on making the business bigger)

4. I will work for the improvement ofsector of my country. X (This plan is not realistic. It may sound unrealistic when your plans are too big for an individual to fulfil. Therefore, keep your future plan achievable. For Example: You can say points like I will work for the better management of drainage system in the major cities in Nepal as a Government Civil Engineer focusing on Water Resource Management. This plan sounds realistic but saying that you will entirely change the nation or an entire sector is not a good answer.

SOME SAMPLE ANSWERS FOR FUTURE PLANS?

My future plan after graduating with a degree in biochemistry is to return to Nepal and gain some years of experience working with a research institute or pharmaceutical company as an assistant biochemist. As a clinical biochemist, I later plan to join a medicine company aimed at developing affordable detection tools, new treatments, and medications along with drugs for serious conditions like cancer, Alzheimer's, and tumours. So, basically, I want to work in the field of research and innovation as a clinical biochemist. **(Bachelors in Biochemistry)**

I wish to be a public criminologist and work with the government bodies like the Ministry of Home Affairs to make right policies for crime management. I will start my career as a government officer under the public service commission as a criminologist and later gain enough experience to get into criminal research, policy building and enforcement. This will allow me to work with local law enforcement agencies to work on crime prevention strategies, advocating victims support services, or engaging in community outreach and education initiatives to raise awareness about crime and its impacts. I am confident that I will have a successful career back in my home country after I will return back. **(Bachelors in Criminology)**

Officer, my long term goal is to be the secretary general of ministry of energy of Nepal to promote and accelerate the annual budget and foreign investment required for the production and manufacturing of vehicles powered by green energy sources like hydrogen. Before going to ministry , after graduation from university, I will be joining Kathmandu university's mechanical engineering department, so that I can get access to the ongoing research on green hydrogen lab project initiated by Nepal oil corporation with them and I will be looking to utilise my knowledge and research experience I gained from university of Kansas. ***(Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering)***

I have been thinking about having my own tech business for a really long time now. I even have the professional exposure and networks in this field in Nepal so after getting an MBA from USA, I will work on the establishment on my company which will be specializing in Web Solutions, App and Software Solutions, SEO, and Digital Marketing. I will even raise investments later to making this company one of the biggest tech solution companies in Nepal. ***(Masters in Business Administration)***

(In these answers, it is very clear that the students have a clear idea on what they plan on doing after graduation. Therefore, these are considered to be good answers)

6.

FUNDING

HOW TO PREPARE

Every student planning to attend a university in the US must have a proper plan on how they will be covering their expenses. The expenses mostly comprise of the student's tuition fee, living expenses, insurance, books and some other miscellaneous expenses.

Each I-20 consist of a financial section which consist of two columns. The first column consist of the student's expenses and the second column consist of the student's scholarship and the financial arrangement made by the student.

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 35,940	Personal Funds	\$ 45,045
Living Expenses	\$ 15,600	scholarship	\$ 23,000
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$ 0	Funds From Another Source	\$
personal expense	\$ 4,500	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 56,040	TOTAL	\$ 68,045

In this case the student's expense is USD 56,040 for 9 months. However, as the student has got a scholarship of USD 23,000, the real cost of the student will be USD 33,404 for 9 months.

The amount of money the student will be spending after reducing the scholarship is the COA or Cost of Attendance. You or your sponsors must have enough money to cover your cost for the entire duration of your studies.

Let's assume your COA is USD 33,000 and you have your parents as your sponsors. Then, you must be able to prove that either you have a very big bank balance to cover all of your cost each year or your parents can save USD 33,000 each year after spending on their personal expenses.

I often hear students saying answers which are very difficult to believe. For example: If a student says that "My father is a government teacher in Nepal and he makes USD 22000 USD in a year", it is very difficult to trust this student as government teachers in general do not make this big amount of money.

If your parents do not have a good earning or a good saving, in such cases, you can tell that you or your family will be taking an educational

loan or selling some assets to pay for your expenses. Remember, that if your family do not have a good income, the visa officer can have a doubt whether you will really get a loan of big amount or not.

Therefore, make sure you present all the sources of earning in your family really well in support of your application. Additionally, you can talk about the savings and assets that your family owns.

HERE IS A SAMPLE ANSWER

How will you pay for your expenses ?

My parents are going to sponsor my overall expenses in USA. My father is an investment banker at XYZ and a private investor so he can pay for all of my expenses form his regular income. My mother is also an accountant currently working as a Controller at XYZ company

(Remember that you can get a lot of follow up questions after you tell your answer. Like the office may ask you about the private investments that your father has. You may also be asked about your parents educational qualifications or the number of years your parents have been in this occupation. There is an unlimited list of follow questions you may receive so make sure you have every single information required.)

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Warning !

Never copy any sample answer to prepare your answer for the interview. You can definitely go through them and take ideas but your future plan has to be unique to you and it has to be in your own language and style.

Some Important Guidance for the Interview.

1. Remember that preparing for the US visa interview does not mean memorising the answers. Understanding the course you have chosen, having proper idea about what you plan on doing after graduation and researching about the US education system and planning really well on how you will cover your annual expenses is clearly more important than memorising answers without much understanding.
2. Try practicing with another person. Preparing alone by repeating the same answers again and again can make your answers sound more memorised.
3. Rather than preparing your answers in sentences, prepare them in points. Keep the points in your mind and use your own language to form sentences while speaking.
4. If you have a gap, significant social involvement or some social media content that may help you in the interview, include these details in the DS-160.
5. If you have any significant achievement in academics or in general, try to include that in your answer. This will help you prove that you are genuinely interested in studies.
6. Do not make excuses in the visa interview. For example if the visa officer is asking why your GPA is low, do not make excuses like I got low GPA because of online classes or because of COVID. If you have any specific reason, include it otherwise accept that you were not the best in academics but you will give your best in improve it further.
7. Do not use general ideas that you can find in the Google or ChatGPT. You can research your ideas from these sites but the answers have to be personalised. Do not use points like I want to go to US because of world renowned degree. Or I have chosen to study at this university because of high quality education. Or US will help me get practical education. These kinds of points does not indicate any research done by the student.

8. While planning for your answers, remember that your answers have to be based on research. For example: You can say that: I have chosen to study in the USA because I can learn about the GIS and Precision Techniques really well from US universities as it is widely used in the US farming community. Your answers must indicate the research you have done and must prove that you are a genuine student.

9. Although English language is not a criteria for deciding the visa, students with good English communicating skills will still have an advantage as they can give answers clearly, with better confidence and more naturally. Therefore, work on your English speaking skills. It will help you a lot.

10. Remember that natural communication and good understanding is the most important factor for positively influencing the visa decision.

11. You can get the best information about your subject matter and university from the university's website. Apart from that, you can also read articles, watch YouTube videos, go to USNews.com and also use ChatGPT to understand about the major and US education system. After collecting all the information, remember to prepare your answers yourself and in your own language.

12. Dress well during the interview. Look smart. That's not because your dress affects your visa interview, but that's because it will help you be confident and that denotes that you are serious about the interview.

13. Make sure you use right expressions and gestures to make your answers sound as natural as possible. The interview is a conversation between you and the visa officer and it must sound like a conversation.

We wish you the very best for your US visa interview. Being nervous is very normal and visa officer will totally understand it. Give your best and try staying as confident as much as you can.

LIST OF COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(WARNING : QUESTIONS CAN BE ASKED BEYOND THIS LIST TOO)

- Q1: Which visa category are you applying for?
- Q2: Why do you want to study in US?
- Q3: Which major are you applying for and why?
- Q4: What made you interested in this major?
- Q5: Have you done any research regarding your subject in other countries?
- Q6: Why don't you want to continue with your studies in your home country?
- Q7: Which University/College are you applying for?
- Q8: Which other Universities have you applied for?
- Q9: Which University accepted/ rejected you?
- Q10: Why did you applied to this University?
- Q11: Can you tell me something about your University?
- Q12: Don't you think the University you have chosen is expensive?
- Q13: From where did you complete your previous education?
- Q14: What is your academic percentage/GPA?
- Q15: What are your test scores? (IELTS/TOEFL/SAT)
- Q16: I see that your tuition fees are high, how are you planning to afford them?
- Q17: Do you have any brothers/ sisters?
- Q18: Do you have any assets or vehicles?
- Q19: What do you plan to do in vacation? Do you want to come back?
- Q20: Do you have any relatives or friends in USA?
- Q21: Where are you planning to live in the USA?
- Q22: What are your plans after graduation?
- Q23: Do you wish to settle in the USA?
- Q24: How can your education in USA be fruitful for your career?
- Q25: Why do you think I should give you the visa?
- Q26: What will you do if your visa application got rejected?
- Q26: What are some problems you may face as an international student in the USA ?
- Q27. Tell me something about the state you are going for.
- Q28. Why didn't you apply for more scholarship ?
- Q29. Why do you have a low GPA ?
- Q30. What did you do after the completion of your previous education ?
- Q31. What will you learn from the major what you have chosen ?
- Q32. How can a US degree help you ?

LIST OF DOCUMENTS YOU NEED TO TAKE TO THE EMBASSY

(CHECK FOR ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR DS-160 CONFIRMATION)

Here is a list of documents which you need to carry with you during your US Visa Interview.

1. Passport
2. SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt
3. I-20 (Signed and Signed by parent as well if you are under 18)
4. Acceptance letter by University
5. Academic Documents (Each mark-sheet and certificate)
6. DS-160 Confirmation Page
7. English Proficiency Test Report Card (Eg: IELTS, TOEFL)
8. Photo (2 inch by 2 inch)
9. Appointment Confirmation

There can be additional requirements based on the country. This is the list of documents required by US Embassy Consular Section in Nepal as of 2024.

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