



The following information is intended to help students prepare for their Visa appointment.

GENERAL ADVICE

The visa officer is trying to determine 3 things:

- What will you do in the US?
- Can you afford to live there?
- Will you return to your home country upon completion?

BE COMFORTABLE. Get a good night of sleep.

BE CONFIDENT. Smile and give eye-contact.

DO NOT LIE! The officer is trying to determine if you are telling the truth in your answers.

DO NOT MEMORIZE! The officer will see this as a sign that you are trying to lie.

DO NOT TALK TOO MUCH! Long answers may make the officer ask you more questions.

DO NOT ASSUME! If you can't understand it is better to ask them, **"Can you repeat that?"** or say, **"Sorry, I don't understand the question."**

SAMPLE QUESTIONS – SHORT ANSWER

What is your US school? **Millersville University**
 Where is your US school located? **Millersville, Pennsylvania**
 What **state** is your university located in? **Pennsylvania**
 How long are you studying in the US?
 What **grade** are you in? (**Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior**)
 What school are you from?
 Do you work hard?
 How many hours do you study in a day?
 What is your **major** in your home university?
 What is your major in your US university?
 - Why is it different? Why is it the same?
 Can I see your **transcript**?

Do you have any family in the US?
 - What do they do?
 Have you been to the US before?
 - What did you do? Where did you go?
 What is your mother's name?
 What is your father's name?
 How many houses do your parents have?
 - Where are they located?
 Do you have family pictures? Please show me.
 What are your hobbies?
 What is your favorite movie? Music?
 Where do you want to visit in the US?

SAMPLE QUESTIONS – OPEN ANSWER

Why did you choose to study at this university?
 Do you really need to study in the US?
 How long are you studying in the US?
 Do you think English is important for your studies?
 What will you do to improve your English?
 Why do you study XYZ major?
 What are you going to do after your finish your study in the US?
 What are your hopes for your US study?
 What are your fears or anxieties about your US study?

Who will pay for your studies?
 How much is your parents' salary?
 What does your father do?
 What does your mother do?
 Do your parents support your study in the US?

NOTES

CHECKLIST

- Pay the required SEVIS I-901 fee.
- Schedule an appointment at a US Consulate or Embassy.
- Bring your SEVIS I-901 fee receipt, admission letter, bank statements, I-20 or DS-2019 form, and passport.
- Visit travel.state.gov for more information on obtaining a visa
- Inform the office on the outcome of your visa appointment.