

Hi ppl
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>got my visas on monday 9th june - to suny binghamton
>for MBA.
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>This is how it went
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>i was interviewed by a tall, thin, blonde hair guy on
>counter 7
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>he asked me a few questions... all of them in a matter
>of 60-90 seconds.
>this is the sequence of qsts :-
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>1). how many univs did u apply to
>2). which ones
>3). how many admits, rejects,waitlist
>4). why binghamton
>5). wht does ur father do
>6). whts his annual income
>7). how much balance do u have in ur bank right now
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>thats it. n he slid my I-20 across.
>he din't ask for any document .. no schore sheets.. no
>bank statements nothing.
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Hi,
Got my visa on the 9th June. I'm going for MS in Computer Science.
The interview lasted for about 2-3 mins... the questions asked were

1. Purpose of ur visit
2. Where and when have u done ur graduation ?
3. What were u doing after ur graduation ? (I'm working in a software company ..)
4. Did u apply to other schools?
5. what does ur father do ?
6. Do u have a brother/sister ?

The interview was taken by a lady ..and none of the documents were asked for. Other students, along with me were also asked similar questions ..So In general I feel the situation is not as tense as it is made out to be ..just be cool and confident when u ans the questions.

"All the best" to others scheduled for interview.

Nikhil.

Hey everyone, I just got my visa....

Most people are getting their visa, so I dont think its much of a worry.

They asked me...

- 1) What course

- 2) Who are your sponsors, and why are they willing to sponsor you
- 3) how many places did you apply to
- 4) how many admits and rejects have you gotten

thats it.....

anyway, best of luck to thew rest of u'll....i'll c ya at binghamton

will get in touch...

My Visa experience on 19th June 2003 at Chennai Consulate

There is no point in explaining the initial procedure ... Believe me ! I had read so many mails from students who had got their visa but when I went there I forgot all about it , it's the simplest of procedure so don't even bother about it .. just follow their instructions and you will be in front of the VO in no time ... well depends on when your token number is called!!!! Anyways the interview is as follows:

Me: good morning sir!

Vo: good morning, which university ?

Me: southern Methodist university

Vo: which one?? (gives me my toefl and gre sheet)

Me southern Methodist university (vo raises his eye brows ...don't know why ..maybe bcoz it's a very good school or bcoz its very expensive ..i hope it's the first one)

Vo: why this university ?(gives my degree certificate)

Me: (don't worry I wont say blah blah ..i know that answer sucks) sir It offers some very good courses on VLSI which I am interested and also I have a friend in the university in the same dept . the university is very resourceful in terms of faculty, labs and they have some good reaseach going on in VLSI . they also have a tie up with Texas Instruments. (not sure if he heard all that but he kept nodding his head)

Vo: have u failed any course ?

Me: no sir(he checks my mark sheets ..i didn't have any arrears)

Vo: who is going to sponsor u ?

Me : my father

Vo: what does ur father do

Me : business

Vo: what kind of business?

Me: dealer in industrial tools

Vo: whats his annual income?

Me: about x lakhs

Vo: how much money does he have in the savings account?

Me : about x lakhs

Vo: can I see the bank letter (I gave him the letter... he saw the amount and gave it back to me)

Vo: how did he accumulate this amount ??

Me: he saved the excess money which he earned from his business and deposited in the bank

Vo: for how long is he doing that ?

Me : about a year and a half

Vo: how much did he use to deposit ??

Me : about x thousands
Vo: every month??
Me : yes
Vo: can I see ur passbook??
Me: (I was searching for it ..)
Vo: do u have it (I just nodded my head)
Me: (I found it finally...and gave it to him)
Vo: (he looked at the entries and seemed satisfied ..and gave it back to me)
Vo: do u have any other income other than ur dads?
Me: yes my mom earns about x thousands
Vo: so whats the total income ?
Me: (I added the income and told him ..it came to some y lakhs .)
Vo: that's it just y lakhs . do u have any other rental or agricultural income or any other sources of income
Me: (I didn't know how much more one can earn ..i starte to stammer) do u want me to tell u my property value (don't know why I said that ..i didn't hear him properly ..when he said some thing about agriculture stuff I thought maybe he was asking if I have any land or property)
Vo: (he was shaking his head and I thought that's it I am screwed ..) what is the total income (he meant from all the sources)
Me: y lakhs . sir I have a scholarship of z lakhs
Vo: its not mentioned in the I 20
Me: its from a private organization in my native (gave him the letter)
Vo: (saw the letter and I guess seemed a bit impressed or maybe he didn't wanna drag the interview any longer and pointed towards the counter 1) go pay ur fees
Me: thank u sir(smiling as any normal person would)
Vo : (gave me a big smile!!)

Hello guys,
I am ronak desai going to binghamton for MS Computer Science

My interview was on 24th july and i got the visa.

My experience was like
me: Good afternoon sir
Off: so in How many universitites you have applied to?
me: In 4 universities sir, I have applied in 4 universities sir
off: How many admits u have got?
me: Sir I have got 4 admits and no rejection.
Off: Congratulation
me: Thank you

off: Why r u going to US?
Me: sir, I have done my undergraduation in Information Technology and among....
Off: stop. give me one line precise answer that why r u going to US?
me: To study Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks
Off: Who is funding u?

me: My father
Off: whats his annual income?
me: X lacs per annum
off: show me the IT returns
me: I passed him the IT returns
he ckecked every thing..
off: show me ur passbook
me: passed passbook
he checked everything and asked that why these entries
are so recent?
Me: converted in FD
off: how much u have right now in form of Fd
me: Y lacs
off: How much u have earned as lecturer last year?
me: sir, Z
then he said me some golden words but in the tense
situation i was not able to properly listen it.

But got my passport with visa stamp

So guys this was my experience...
Best of luck....

Hi people,...got my visa on 26th June at Mumbai.
I m going 4 MEng in Electrical Eng.

My visa interview was i think ideal in the sense that 4-5 questions and all were basic.
They were like....

- 1)How many schools did you apply?
- 2)In how many of them you were able to get admission?
- 3)What's your father doing?
- 4)What's his annual income?
- 5)Give me his IT returns. Give me his pass-books.
- 6)How much F.D. does your father have?
- 7)What do you wanna do after your M.S.?

Thats it...and finally he gave me the good news with smiling faces on both the sides of window....:-
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I hope this will help u guys who r yet to go 4 an interview.

Dear friends:

I've got my visa on 1st jul at Mumbai consulate. I am going
to BU for MS in CS. Here is how my interview went:
(I got my call on counter 8 and was last in the queue there)

Off: How many univs did u apply in USA?

Me: Sir 4

Off: Who will pay for this (pointing at fees on my I20)

Me: Sir my parents will be paying for my education.

Off: What r ur parents doing?
Me: Sir my father is ... (before I could speak of my mother following question came up)
Off: Whats his salary?
Me: Sir X thousand/month
Off: OK whats ur mother doin?
Me: She's an Admin Off.
Off: OK whats her annual income?
Me: Its X lacs/annum
Off: Show me ur savings bank ac passbook pls.
Me: Gave him the passbook
Off: (Looking at entries in the passbook) How did all these money come?
Me: Sir we had FDs maturing during this period and since my parents have been serving for 30 yrs now, they've made handsome savings and good investments in various govt. schemes and private FDs.
I've the required docs would u like to see that?
Off: oh no! OK OK, So how many fds do u have at this time?
Me: Sir X lacs.
Off: Show me ur fds.
Me: Took out my fds and just put in front of him and he said:
Off: OK ok, sir u've been issued ur visa and u will be receiving ur passport in next 3 days. Bye and have a nice day.
Me: Thank u very much sir, have a nice day too.

Thats all friends. But I confess, i was bit nervous and fumbled at some places even I asked him to repeat three of the questions by saying pardon please.
And he repeated without being irritated. I could not believe that I've been issued visa when he said those final words as I thought I've not given the best shot.

Anyways, Hey sapan and keyur, sorry for being out of touch for a long time. Sapan, tell me whether ur there in vapi, if so i'd call u up. keyur give ur phone number pls.

Any1 who'd like to like to call me can call up at 0265-2513792
Bye for now.
I wish all the best to those going for visa.

Hi people.

It's 6:20 pm and I've just got back from the visa interview.

It was scheduled at 1:30, and was conducted at counter 4 by a tall, thin, man with short but wavy hair, who somehow looked *French*. It went something like this.

The Visa Officer motions me into the interview booth, in a friendly manner, and begins proceedings by instructing me to communicate with him via the phone on the desk -- he is wearing a headset for the same purpose.

Visa Officer: Hi, can you show me your pink slip [Grins slightly at his own pun].
[Poker-faced, I do so; it is bad form to go into hysterics in front of your visa officer.]
Visa Officer: So tell me, why are you going to the United States?
Me: To do a <appropriate degree> in <appropriate subject>.
Visa Officer: And why are you interested in this University in particular?
Me: The particular fields they specialize in... <particular field 1>, and <particular field 2>.
Visa Officer: That sounds to me like an excellent reason to want to go there! [Smiling] Sir, I'm going to give you a Visa.
Me: [Smiling] Thank you.
Visa Officer: Oh, and you can put the phone down now.

One might as well have left the GRE/TOEFL scoresheets back at home. Likewise the degree certificates. The interview, all of 30 (maybe 40) seconds, was over even as I was fishing these documents out of my bag.

It turned out later that this man was hurrying through all his interviews (with, admittedly, a fair sprinkling of rejects too). This was in stark contrast to, I think, counter 7, where the formidable American (I guess) lady in the Stars-and-Stripes sun-visor seemed to be roasting everyone over a slow fire. But I guess the procedure, in general, is to handle ten or so similar applications at a time at one counter, dealing with them in a similar manner. So who exactly the interviewer is may not really have a bearing on the length of the interview.

Good luck to any of you who're still to appear for your interviews. From talking to other applicants in the Consulate lounge (and also on the VFS bus-rides), some who had already been interviewed and others who were awaiting their turn, I get the feeling that the VO might not mind if you take a little time to formulate your answers, as long as you keep them concise (unlike this sentence), and present a *consistent* picture. Without that, no amount of grovelling or showering the VO with honorifics will really help. And yes, projecting a quiet confidence appears advisable -- deviating to either of two extremes might at best mildly irritate the VO, and at worst annoy him/her outright, and you do *not* want to annoy your VO.

Best wishes,

Apratim

Hi guys...

I had my visa appointment yesterday at 1.30pm. I reached the visa facilitation service, Mumbai at around 12 and from there I was taken to the main consulate building at about 1. There after submitting my I-20 and Passport I was given the PINK token with a number on it. Then I waited till my number was announced. (the procedure of calling nos. is random). At about

2.15 my number was called and I was told to go to counter number 5, where a good looking man with short hair was sitting. I was fourth in that line. She cleared the first and the third who were girls and rejected the second guy. When my turn came...i handed over token number to him and he started asking question...

ME : Good Afternoon How r u doing Sir,
VO : Good Afternoon, not bad at all
VO : So you are going to State University of New York at Binghamton ??
ME : Yes
VO : MBA ?
ME : Yes
VO: Who is going to finance you ?
ME : My parents
VO : What does your dad do ?
ME : Hes working with CIDCO Ltd, a state government undertaking for the past 30 years as an Executive Engineer.
VO : Whats his annual income ?
ME : Four Lakhs
VO : Show me your GMAT report
ME : Shown.....
VO : What will do u do after your MBA ?
ME : will come back and get into insurance and risk management sector
VO : What does your dad do ?
ME : (surprised why again)told.....
VO : Show me your financial summary
ME : Shown.....
VO : What does your younger brother do ?
ME : doing his chartered accountancy course here
VO : How many univs did u apply to ?
ME : six
VO : How many admits ?
ME : three
VO : Do u stay in Mumbai ?
ME : Yes
VO : You will get your passport within two days
ME : Thank you

My interview lasted for a maximum of 3-4 mins

Bye for now.,...

Anil

Hi All Of you

Well it seems to be too late to share Visa Experience with all you guys .But may be few are still to go to for visa.So for them this is how it went.

- 1) My interview is scheduled at 2:00 o clock
- 2) I went in around 1:50

3) Number called around 2:35 p.m.

(I dont know how do they call the numbers randomly i mean students who had reached before me and with token number less than me were still waiting for the call

4) I go to Counter No 8

Questions are as follows :

5) So for wat course are u going

6) Whats ur Analytical Score in GRE(Essay and Argument)

7) What do u intend to do after graduating

8) show finances

i show him my pass book

9) Asks for Proof

10) Seems satisfied

Gives me the Good News.

See u at Bingy

Bye all of you.