



## Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on  
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### Facebook Chat Transcript

**US Vice Consul:** Hi everyone. I am a Consular Officer here to chat with you about your F1/student questions. Post your questions here and I will answer them until 4 PM.

**Student:** hi officer, what type of changes I have to make to qualify the section 214(b), how can I overcome this problem officer?

**Student:** Hi, I completed my Master's in the Dec 2011 and started working for Serco Company from September 24th 2012 till date, now I would to study in abroad (U.S.) so, can i opt for Master's again or MBA. If I opt for Master's again will that be a problem at the time of visa interview?

**US Vice Consul:** USIEF is a good resource to help you determine which universities are out there and which programs fit your needs. You may contact them at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in). After you are admitted to a program, you can apply for an F1 visa. Be prepared to answer questions about your program and, if you are planning to get a second Master's, why you need a second degree, as well as questions about your finances, future plans, etc.

**Student:** Hi officer. Good after noon, already I have two rejections when I applied in 2011 and 2014. Again I am planning to apply for F1 visa again but I got visa denial under section 214(b) in last two times. So am I eligible to reapply for my F1 visa. What is the section 214(b) exactly? If I reapply for my F1 visa again is there any impact of past rejections on my next visa interview. How can I overcome this problem? Are there any chances to get visa for my further masters in U.S. please clear my doubts officer's am getting too much tension day by day about my visa.

**US Vice Consul:** If you are refused under section 214(b) it means that you don't meet the requirement under US law to qualify for the visa you are applying for. While you are welcome to reapply, we don't recommend applying again until you can show substantial changes in your application, which often takes some time.

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**US Vice Consul:** Substantial changes take many forms and generally correspond to things assessed during your interview - educational experience, future plans, finances, work experience, etc. That said, these changes often take a long time, and we discourage applicants from applying soon after a refusal.

**US Vice Consul:** Hey all, I am still here until 4 to answer your questions about applying for F1 visas. I also want to share with you a couple videos of consular officers addressing some

common questions that students have. Hope they are

helpful!<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqPXl69U4j0&list=UU3GTBfpG6LGrx9PIbC1uWig>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU7sp8zxCzE&list=UU3GTBfpG6LGrx9PIbC1uWig>

[Have questions on the student visa process? Hangout with Sreenidhi Institute of Science & Technology](#)

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Consular officers of the U.S. Consulate General Hyderabad had a Q & A session with students from Sreenidhi Institute of Science & Technology, Andhra Pradesh,

**Student:** Dear officer thank you for a special session for f1 applicants this is a perfect platform for every F1 aspirant to clear the doubts regarding the studies and other visa process, coz the info available on the various websites and sources are confusing. I appreciate your tremendous attention towards the students. Thanks once again. My Query, I have attended the visa interview on may09"2014, but my visa was rejected am not blaming anyone here, I was little nervous that day and luckily there is an intake in august 2014, I differed the admission for august intake and am waiting for I 20. Even I got two more admissions for September intake, but am particular about the university I got rejected and the reasons are obvious course curriculum research methods and admission selection process and many more. My question here is what are the chances of getting visa if I go with the same i20 and what way I have to be get prepared for the interview. Through various sources I was told that there is chance of rejection if I apply for interview with same university, Also people suggested me to change over the university and program, at first I did not believe in these but slowly confusion started, end of the day to me it is the program am interested inn and the university providing the program .kindly suggest me in what way i have to get prepared for the interview what kind of questions I may face in the next visa interview. Thanks in advance, I appreciate your time and consideration.

**US Vice Consul:** To answer your question about what type of questions we ask - A consular officer evaluates the totality of a student's academic credibility. Students should expect to be asked questions about all aspects of their academic history, including marks, backlogs, test scores, gaps in their studies, and future plans. Individuals whose nonimmigrant visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. However, we do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous grounds for refusal.

**Student:** Hi, There is one business school in Boston - Hult Business School. They are giving admission on the basis of work experience and also providing the scholarship. I want to know whether this is an authorized school and worth joining. How can I get more info about this?

**US Vice Consul:** I am glad to hear that you are doing research about choosing a university. It's very important to make sure that you spend a lot of time on this. To learn more about a specific university, please visit [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in). There is also a USIEF office in Hyderabad. You can make an appointment with them to discuss universities and programs.

**Student:** Hi, I have acquired complete funding from the university which I have applied. The funding details are also mentioned in the I-20. For visa, do I still have to show the documents proving that I can fund my first year of studies in US?

**US Vice Consul:** Congratulations for getting funding from your university! In general, you need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for your education and live in the United States, i.e. pay for room, board, books, etc., all of which are much more expensive than in India. It's up to you how you want to do that. Be prepared to show financial evidence that you or whoever is sponsoring you has sufficient funds to pay for the first year, and a plan for funding the remaining period of your intended study.

**Student:** Hi! In U.S. do they follow a lottery system even to issue HB1 visa? Can we send IELTS score to all the American universities?

**US Vice Consul:** Hi there, this is a forum for student visa questions. There is no lottery for student visas; everyone is assessed based on their own qualifications. For questions about applying to universities and what is required, please contact USIEF, [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in)

**Student:** What is the deadline to apply for Student Visa for this fall 2014? I need to get I20 within a week or so, Kindly do reply. Thank you - Balaji.

**US Vice Consul:** There is no student visa deadline for fall 2014. Students cannot apply for their F1 visa more than 120 days before the program start date that is printed on their I-20 forms. So it is best to apply once you are within four months of your matriculation date.

**Student:** May I please know what would be the best university for fashion design? And which exam I have to give for fashion design (post-graduation) in US, do I need to write gre and TOFEL or just IELTS is enough? Can u please let me about scores to?

**US Vice Consul:** Hi Manasa, you should contact USIEF for more information about which universities are right for you, and how to apply to them.

**Student:** I did my b.Tech in 2010 and now working in Saudi Arabia. Will I do MS now? Because its huge gap between my studies.

**US Vice Consul:** It is up to you when you want to apply to a Master's program and then apply for an F1 visa. We do take work experience into account if there has been a gap between your undergraduate and graduate studies. Your work experience, past academic performance, the program you want to apply to, your future plans, as well as other factors like funding, will give us a picture of your eligibility for a student visa.

**Student:** My name on my tenth and inter certificates is B K R P GANESH but now in Anna university it appears as GANESH B K R P will this create any problem when I apply for visa or any other government services. There is no change in date of birth.

**US Vice Consul:** The name on your passport and visa application should be the same. As long as you can explain any discrepancies that may appear on other documents, you shouldn't have any problems. However, remember that the interview is question-centric and does not rely on documents or forms.

**Student:** thank you sir/madam.

**Student:** Hello Officer! I have applied for J1 visa and attended the interview on 14th may 2014. Since I am a biotechnology student VO has issued me 221g white form and passport returned to me. I got an internship in Texas A&M University for 8 weeks. It is supposed to start today but I didn't hear from the consulate yet. My case was created on 13th may and updated for the first time on 14th may. A few of my friends who got this but a blue form got it cleared in 10-15 days with their visa stamped. Can you please tell me tentatively when I may hear from the consulate to submit my passport for stamping?

**US Vice Consul:** Hello there. This is forum for general F1 questions only. If you have a question about an individual visa application please contact support-india@ustraveldocs.com

**Student:** Thank you Officer.

**US Vice Consul:** Wrapping up the F1 Friday chat. Thanks for all of your great questions!