



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education
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US Vice Consul: Hi! Welcome to the first of this year's F1 Fridays where we will attempt to answer any and all of your questions about U.S. student visas. To start us off, we have the Chief of Consular Services online today – she should be able to answer even the hard questions! Please post your questions directly to our wall, so we are all looking at the same spot. Let's get started....anyone ready to post a question?

Student: hi good afternoon sir why do reject visa for backlogs?

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Student: 1. Do you ask a student about other admits? If he has many admits in just one location does it affect your decision of granting him a visa?

2. Is the grant of a visa to a student going for Undergraduate studies tougher than for a student going for Masters?

US Vice Consul The officer may ask about the schools to which you applied/were admitted. It might help them understand your reasons for wanting to study in the U.S. and why you chose the school you did.

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Student: Does u consider work experience as positive point to visa?

US Vice Consul It can be a part of the visa interview -- it is frequently of interest what you have been doing between ending former studies and your visa application.

US Vice Consul The process is the same for undergraduate or graduate studies.

Student: Suppose, I transfer to another school while studying, what would be the process if any to change the name of my school in the visa?

US Vice Consul As long as you are in the U.S., you don't have to change the name of the school on the visa. You must have a valid I-20 before you start at the new school, however. If you leave the U.S. for a holiday or something during your studies, if your SEVIS number has changed

when you transferred to the new school, you will have to apply for a new visa before you return to the U.S. If the SEVIS number did not change, you can use your visa with the I-20 from the new school to return to your studies.

Student: That answers my question, thank you.

US Vice Consul Great! Happy the response helped. Feel free to ask any other questions you might have.

Student: Does gre & ielts score will problem for visa if scores are low.

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An applicant for a student visa (F-1 or M-1) must demonstrate the following:

- Acceptance at a school.
- Possession of sufficient funds.
- Preparation for the course of study.
- Present intent to leave the United States at conclusion of studies.

US Vice Consul You will need to demonstrate sufficient English to succeed in a U.S. scholastic program. If you do not have sufficiently strong English, the school may require you to take English before beginning your program of study.

US Vice Consul We only have a few minutes left for today -- any other F1 student visa questions?

US Vice Consul Okay thanks for those who asked questions or were online reading the questions and responses. Hope this was helpful as you begin your pursuit to study in the U.S. We will be back next Friday (April 11) from 3:00 to 4:00 pm, so you have another chance to ask student visa questions. We want to make sure you get the answers you need! Until next week.

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