



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

Student: Hello,

Good After Noon,

My F1 Visa is Approved on May 31st 2013 for Southern Illinois University - Carbon dale.

I am Very Thank Full to US Consulate people for Approving my visa for Masters.

SUBJECT:

My Admitted semester for The University is Fall 2013 (August), But I am Unable to Attend this Semester. So, I Requested university to transfer My Admission from this semester to Spring 2014(January). University People Accepted to Transfer my Admission and also They Agreed to Issue a New I-20 with Same SEVIS Id.

My Query is "Do I Need to Attend VISA Interview again for SPRING 14 ?? "

U.S. Vice Consul : Swathi, as long as the SEVIS number, university, and program remain the same, AND you obtain (and travel with) a revised I-20 form, you do not need a new visa for next term.

Student: Helo sir.

Myself and my frnd completed our vi on june5th. I receivd my pasprt but my frnd panjala prasanna din't get her pasprt til nw. Her status was like in administratiue procesing. We have alrdy booked our flight tckt on july28 and we're very tensed.

U.S. Vice Consul :While I cannot speak about your friend's case due to privacy laws, I can say that some visa applications require further administrative processing, which takes additional time. Unfortunately, we cannot give a specific time frame since every case is different. Rest assured we process every case as quickly as possible. She can write to support-india@ustraveldocs.com to inquire further.

Student: Hey, i got visa approved for my university in missouri but i want to visit my firends place in washington dc for a week or so ,and then i want to go to my university as i have no relatives in US,will there be any problem with the port of entry.

U.S. Vice Consul : On an F1 student visa, you may enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the start date listed on your I-20 form. At the port of entry, you may be asked to show evidence that you plan to continue on to Missouri and enroll in your university. Keep in mind that the final determination of entry into the U.S. and for how long is made by the immigration officer at the port of entry

Student: Hi sir.... I done with my Masters from ou(osmania university) in maths(2011). I want to do masters in computers in US. Now I am 10+2+3+2 years of studies.
Is there any rule that not to apply for MS in Us who done with MS in his own country?
Can I write gre and tofel and appear for visa interview? Please reply sir.....
Waiting for your reply.....

U.S. Vice Consul :Thanks for your question, but it is unrelated to visas. You may visit www.usief.org.in to learn more about studying in the U.S.

Student: if a student previously had backlogs.....and has cleared them all in single attempts, within the time of his graduation, is the person still considered as student with backlogs??

U.S. Vice Consul :Backlogs or academic scores are just a few aspects that a visa officer looks into. In addition to presenting your I-20 form as evidence of acceptance to a U.S. institution of learning, you must demonstrate the following: (1) You're a student with a credible intent to study; (2) You have a credible plan to pay for a very expensive education without working illegally; and (3) You have a present intent to return to your home country. If you feel you can prove those things, you should go ahead and apply for the visa.

Student: Sir,It says on the right side of my I 20 that my college fees would be 26000 dollars in total bt the college would fund me 7000 dollars so would be sufficient if i show the remaining.

U.S. Vice Consul :You need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for your education and live in the United States. 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. The first year's total cost is actually on the left-hand side of your I-20, not the right side. Your funds, which can include scholarships from the university, are on the right side, and must at least match or exceed this figure.

Student: Sir,My I 20 Letter shows the normal tuition fees n Living expenses but in the remarks column it shows that i have a 1000 dollar scholarship and would be paying instate tuition fees so which one among the two should be shown as bank guarantee .

U.S. Vice Consul :The left-hand side of the I-20 form lists all expenses related to the first year of your studies. You must account for the grand total of that amount by listing the various sources of funding you have. It's up to you how to pay for your education, but the funds must at least equal the amount of expenses, if not exceed it.

Student: Sir, i have opted for " no show " process, as i got admit from my dream univ before the apointment day.when can i reschedule with the same receipt number and when and wher will it be updated as "no show".

U.S. Vice Consul :You will be able to see your status on your US Travel Docs profile. www.ustraveldocs.com/in. They must do so within one year of the original appointment, however.

Student: Sir why the number of rejections increases as the time reaches August?

U.S. Vice Consul :The Consulate does not publish statistics on visa approvals or rejections, so anyone who says they have such information is only speculating. The most important thing for students is to prepare for their own interview.

Student: I had my Visa Interview on 20-May-2013 at the Hyderabad Consulate. I was given a 221(g) and the consulate has retained my passport and docs (that are pinned just before our VI starts). It is already 21 days past my VI, when can I expect a decision on my visa?

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Student:One of my friends says that,"BOOK YOUR VISA SLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OTHERWISE YOU MAY NOT GET THE VISA BECAUSE THERE ARE LIMITED NUMBER OF F-1 VISAs"
How far it is true sir?

U.S. Vice Consul :Sir I worked as an ASSISTANT in an Electronics lab, so they paid my monthly salary hand to hand,so I do not have my salary slips. My question is if VO asks me to show the proof, what should I show? I am having only the experience letter.

Student: sir i got my visa only 2 years can i have chance to extend the visa for opt if i maintain good acadamics.

U.S. Vice Consul :A visa allows you to enter the U.S. for a particular period of time, as determined by immigration officers at the port of entry. OPT may be an allowable activity depending on your program. You may learn more about this through your I-20 issuing institution.

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