

As part of your visa application, you may have to attend an interview with a Home Office official to establish that you have the necessary language skills to study in the UK and that your intention to study is genuine. This is referred to as a 'credibility interview' and it forms an integral part of the visa application assessment.

This help sheet aims to provide you with an insight into some of the questions you could be asked during an interview. There is no guarantee that you will be asked these questions or that they are the only questions you could be asked. It is also unlikely that questions will be asked in the order below.

Why did you choose Manchester Metropolitan University?

Think about why you chose Manchester Metropolitan University rather than another UK university, a University in your home country, other English-speaking countries or a country in which other students of your nationality study.

Why did you choose your course?

There may be many courses in the same subject area as the one you plan to study at Manchester Metropolitan University. These could be at this university, at other UK universities, or in your home country.

- What is it specifically about this course that you prefer over other course choices?

Think about your decision process.

- Did you apply for other courses?
- If yes, why did you choose Manchester Metropolitan University over them?

You could also be asked about any long gaps between your new course and any previous studies. If you are changing course, you may also be asked about the reasons for this.

How do your studies fit into your career plans?

Think about what your plans are after you graduate.

- How will the knowledge and skills you gain from your programme of study help you with the type of work you hope to do?
- Does your course lead to any professional exemptions or qualifications and are these recognised in your home country?
- Do you know what others graduating from the course you will be following went on to do?

If the course you plan to study is at a similar academic level to previous studies, be prepared to explain how it represents progression and how this supports your future career aspirations.

What links do you have to the UK?

Depending on whether you have previously studied in the UK, have family members who live in the UK or have had a break from study you may be asked further questions about:

- Any previous visas you have had
- Whether you have ever breached any of the conditions of your UK Visas
- Why you have chosen to return, if you previously studied in the UK

You may also be asked about visas you have had for other countries.

How will you finance your study?

Studying in the UK can be expensive, particularly for an international student. You should consider why you and/or your family are prepared to make this investment.

- Have you been realistic in assessing the costs of study and how to pay them?

Costs will include tuition fees, flights, application fees, healthcare, accommodation and general costs of living.

If it is more expensive to pursue your course of study in the UK than in your home country, why have you decided to incur the extra cost?

Think about the advantages that a degree from the UK might give you and how it may assist with your future career plans.

Need further information?

Manchester Met may ask you to complete an interview with them or your education agent if we feel we need to gather further information from you and to assess if you are in a position to pass UKVI's genuine student test.

If you are asked to attend an interview, don't be phased. You will be in good place if you prepare for your interview thinking about the questions above.

We also recommend that you have a strong personal statement that reflects all of the questions above.