



Manchester  
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# Credibility interviews

As part of your visa application, you may be asked 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.

The aim of this help sheet is to provide you with an insight into some of the questions you could be asked during an interview. The questions below are not necessarily the questions you will be asked, and it is unlikely that questions will be asked in the order below.

*Q = Question, AP = Answer preparation*

**Q: Why did you choose Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU)?**

AP: Think about why you chose MMU rather than a University in your home country, other English-speaking countries or a country that other students of your nationality study in.

**Q: Why did you choose your course?**

AP: There may be many courses in the same subject area, at other universities in your home country or UK, as the one you plan to study at MMU. What is it specifically about the MMU course that you prefer and which suits you over other course choices? Think about your decision process. Did you apply for other courses? If yes, why did you choose MMU over them?

**Q: How do your studies fit into your career plans?**

AP: 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 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 whether it has a vocational focus.

**Q: If the costs of pursuing your course of study are higher in the UK than in your home country, why have you decided to incur the extra costs involved with studying in the UK?**

AP: Think about the advantages that a degree from the UK might give you and why you and/or your family are prepared to make this investment. Have you made a realistic assessment of all the costs involved and how to plan to pay for them? These include accommodation and costs of living.

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 UK visas you have had
- visas you have had for other countries
- 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
- the reasons for any long gaps between your new course and any previous studies

If you have any questions about credibility interviews that have not been covered in this help sheet please email the Immigration and Welfare Team at [visaextension@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:visaextension@mmu.ac.uk)

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