

Complete Process for USA Student Visa



American Consulate General, Hyderabad:
State of Andhra Pradesh

American Consulate General,
Hyderabad Paigah Palace,
1-8-323, Chiran Fort Lane,
Begumpet, Secunderabad 500003
Tel: 91-040-4033-8300
Email: HydNIV@state.gov
Website: <http://hyderabad.usconsulate.gov>

<https://www.vfs-usa.co.in/USIndia/consulardistrictslocation.html>

The Application Process:

1. Have an electronic photo of applicant
2. Fill out the DS-160 application online
3. Pay the visa application fees at HDFC bank
4. Schedule the appointment through VFS

Use VFS website for scheduling only
One electronic form i.e. DS-160
Print only the confirmation page
Applicant upload photo

List out required documents for USA Consulate first

Primary Documents:

1. HDFC Barcode or Visa Fee Receipt
2. I-20 (with signature)
3. DS-160 form (CEAC barcode Number i.e. Confirmation Page)
4. Web Appointment Letter
5. SEVIS Fee Receipt
6. Passport (Original)
7. Photograph (50mm X50mm or 2X2 inches)

Academics:

1. Original Master/Bachelors Degree Certificates (CMM, Provisional , Individual marks sheets etc.,)
2. SAT/GRE/GMAT/USMLE & TOEFL/IELTS/PTE Score Cards
3. 10th class mark sheets (Optional)
4. 12th Class mark sheets (Optional)

Financial Documents:

1. Income Documents (ITRs, Form-16, Salary Certificates, Agriculture/Rental Incomes etc.,)
2. Savings Documents (PF Statements, LIC's-Surrender Values, Bank Statements, FDR, Education Loans etc)
3. CA (state of Summary), CE Reports (Property Evaluation Statement) & Affidavits
4. Property documents Xerox copies only (Optional)

Pay USA VISA Fee i.e. US\$ 131 (Around Rs. 6,288) only in the given list of HDFC Banks

HDFC Bank, Door No: 4-1-48/2, M.G.Road, Opp. M&M Showroom, Labbipet, Vijayawada-520010

Working Hours: Week Days: 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Saturday: 10:00AM to 1:00PM

<https://www.vfs-usa.co.in/USIndia/pdf/HDFC%20Locationsfeescenter.pdf>

Digitize Photograph of Size 2X2 Inches

- The photograph to be digitized must be at minimum 2 inches by 2 inches, plain background.
- The scanner resolution should be set to a minimum of 300 dots per inch or 300 pixels per inch.
- The digital photograph should be saved as a high quality (low-compression) JPEG image file.
- More technical requirements can be found at:
 - http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3886.html
 - http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3877.html

DS-160 Form filling & Print Confirmation Page (CEAC Barcode Number)

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

- General Information

- Personal-1
 - Location-Hyderabad, India
 - Surnames
 - Given Names
 - Sex
 - Date of Birth
 - City of Birth
 - State/Province of Birth
 - Country of Birth

Personal-2

- Personal Information
- Address and Phone Numbers
- Passport Details
- Travel Details
- Travel Companions
- Previous U.S. Travel
- U.S. Contact
- Family
- Work / Education / Training
- Security and Background

Book VISA Interview Appointment & Print the Appointment

<https://www.vfs-usa.co.in/AppInForms/ScheduleMenu.aspx>

Before you get started you may want to have the following information and documents to hand:

- Passport
- Receipt issued by HDFC Bank

- CEAC barcode Number
- Relevant documents based on visa class
- E-mail address

Then Start

1. Make your appointment
2. VFS online appointment system
3. Schedule appointment with U.S. Embassy / Consulate: **I Agree & CONTINUE**
4. Enter Passport Expiry Date: DD-Month-YYYY & CONTINUE
5. State of Residency: Andhra Pradesh
6. Select Language for Interview: English
7. Purpose of Travel: Studying in the USA / Exchange Visitor
8. Select Visa Class: F1 (Academic or language studies)
9. Have you been refused twice in the last 12 months?: NO
10. Are you applying for the same class of visa which is currently valid or has expired within the past 12 months?*: NO
11. Select Interview Date & CONTINUE
12. Enter Name, HDFC Bar Code Number, Passport Details, Mothers Name & CONTINUE
13. Enter CEAC barcode Number & CONTINUE
14. Print the Page and Send to Mail-ID

Pay SEVIS Fee i.e. US\$ 200 by Credit Card only & Print the form

www.fmjfee.com

Before you get started you may want to have the following information and documents to hand:

- Passport
- Credit Card with all Details
- Relevant documents based on visa class i.e. I-20
- E-mail address

Then Start

1. **Log on to www.fmjfee.com**
2. **Click on the radio button that says I-20, then click OK**
3. **Applicant Validation Information (Exactly as in I-20)**
 - Last Name, First Name & Middle Name**
 - SEVIS Number & Date of Birth**
4. **Form I-901**
 - Receipt Delivery Address**
 - Personal Details (City of Birth, Gender, Etc.)**
 - School Code & Passport Details**
5. **Form Verification: Verify form details entered are correct**
6. **Receipt Delivery Options**
 - Destination Telephone Number**
 - Mode of Payment: Credit Card**
7. **Enter Credit Card Details and Submit**
8. **Print the Receipt**

Prepare Required Documents like CE, CA, Affidavits, BS, FDR, Edu.Loan & ITRS etc.

Start Collecting Documents for VISA:

- Income** related documents like

- Salary Certificate, Form-16, PF, Rental, Agriculture Income, ITRS etc.
- **Savings** related documents like
 - Bank Balance, FDR'S, LIC'S Surrender Value Certificates, Bond, Shares etc.
- **Properties** related documents like
 - House, plot, Flat, Agriculture lands, etc.
- **Education Loan letter** etc.

Summarize all Property related documents by CE i.e. Valuation Report.

Summarize all Income, Savings, properties and Education Loan related by CA i.e. CA Report.

Affidavit of Supports from Sponsors and Self.

Mock-Interviews i.e. prepare for all the Questions & Answers

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATURE OF STUDENT (60% Weightage)

1. WHY ARE YOU GOING TO US?

2. WHY PARTICULARLY THAT UNIVERSITY? (These subjects are also taught in other universities also)

3. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR COURSE CURRICULUM (i.e. explain about your Course Curriculum)?

WHAT IS THE COURSE STRUCTURE? Or WHAT ARE THE COURSE CONTENTS?

4. HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY? (How did you come to know about these universities?)

5. HOW MANY UNIVERSITIES YOU WERE APPLIED?

HOW MANY I-20'S YOU GOT?

HOW MANY REJECTIONS YOU HAVE? WHY?

6. WHAT IS YOUR PREVIOUS DEGREE?

7. WHERE YOU DID YOU PREVIOUS DEGREE?

8. HOW MUCH % OF MARKS IN YOUR PREVIOUS (bachelor) DEGREE?

9. WHY ARE YOU CHANGING YOUR FIELD OF EDUCATION?

(In case you are going to different course from your previous degree)

AND HOW YOU CAN MAINTAIN?

10. CAN YOU SHOW ME YOU'RE ACADEMIC REPORTS?

11. HOW MANY BACKLOGS (failures by the time in engineering) YOU HAVE?
12. WHY BACKLOGS?
13. IN CASE OF LOW % OF MARKS, WHY LOW % OF MARKS?
14. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR SCORE REPORTS?
15. IN CASE OF LOWSCORES, WHY LOW SCORES?
16. THIS COURSE IS ALREADY AVAILABLE IN INDIA, WHY ARE GOING TO
USA AND SPEND THIS MUCH OF MONEY UNNESACERLY?
17. WHY ONLY USA / WHY ARE YOU GOING TO US ONLY? DO YOU KNOW ABOUT US EDUCATION?
18. HOW THIS COURSE HELPS TO YOUR FUTURE? Or WHY MASTER'S?
19. TELL ME THE RESEARCH TOPICS GOING IN THE UNIVERSITY, WHERE YOU ARE GOING NOW?
20. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY, WHERE YOU ARE GOING NOW?
21. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE CITY, WHERE YOU ARE GOING NOW? (for which it is famous)
22. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE TEMPERATURE, WHERE YOU ARE GOING NOW?
23. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION, WHERE YOU ARE GOING NOW?
24. WHEN YOU HAVE AN IDIA TO DO YOUR MASTER? Or WHY NOT LAST FALL?
25. IN CASE GAP, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WHY ARE LEAVING THE JOB? Etc.
SHOW ME YOUR EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE?
26. DO YOU KNOW ANY PROFESSOR IN THIS (present going) UNIVERSITY?
HOW YOU CONTACT THE PROFESSOR?
REGARDING WHAT, YOU CONTACT THE PROFESSOR?
IS THERE ANY PROOF WITH YOU? (I.e. Print-outs of Mails or Phone Numbers of Professors)
GIVE THE NAMES OF THE PROFESSOR TO WHOM YOU CONTACT? Etc.
27. WILL YOU COME BACK DURING SUMMERS?
28. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOU BTECH PROJECT
29. DO YOU HAVE ANY RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN USA?
30. WHAT ARE THE COMPANIES TIED_UP WITH YOUR UNIVERSITY?
31. TELL ME FEW SUBJECTS NAMES IN YOUR BACHELOR DEGREE
32. WHY THAT SPECIALIZATION ONLY?
33. WHAT IS THE STUDENT TO FACULTY RATION IN YOUR UNIVERSITY, NOW YOU ARE GOING?
34. DO YOU PLAN TO STUDY PHD AFTER MASTERS?
35. WHAT DO YOU THINK; WHY UNIVERSITY IS GIVING SCHOLERSHIP TO YOU?

36. DO YOU GETTING ANY SCHOLERSHIP? (Prepare for Why YES / NO)

37. EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE GETTING SCHOLARSHIP IN OTHER UNIVERSITIES,
WHY YOU WANT GO TO THIS UNIVERSITY WITHOUT AID?

38. WHAT IS YOUR NAME? WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS TILL DATE? % SECURED AND
WHEN HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR LAST QUALIFICATION?

39. WHAT IS THE DURATION OF COURSE?

40. WHERE DO YOU STAY IN USA?

41. WHY DID YOU CHOOSE USA FOR YOUR FURTHER EDUCATION?

42. ON WHICH BASIS YOU DECIDE THOSE ARE GOOD UNIVERSITIES?

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44.

45.

Keep a smiling face so as to welcome any questions.

It is un-wise to contradict an answer through a subsequent answer.

Always stick to the same answer whenever asked for.

An applicant's behavior should convince the VO about the quality of personality that the candidate has.

Avoid any exhibition of emotions other than the feelings of welcoming questions and ready to give the answers.

You have to make the answers short, to the point and precise. Give answers confidently, boldly, and visa will be yours.

On final note, thank the interviewer for his time.

FINANCIAL AFFORDABILITY (30% Weightage)

46. WHO ARE YOUR SPONSERS? OR WHO IS PAYING FOR YOUR TRIP?

47. DO YOU HAVE SIBLINGS? WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

48. WHAT ARE SPONSER DOING?/ TELL ME ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

BACKGROUND / WHAT IS FATHER & WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER /

DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS? BRIEFLY EXPLAIN ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

WHAT IS YOUR FATHER? HOW MUCH ANNUAL INCOME YOUR FATHER IS GETTING?

WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER? HOW MUCH ANNUAL INCOME YOUR MOTHER IS GETTING?

IS THERE ANY OTHER INCOME SOURCES?

49. HOW YOU ARE GETTING THIS MUCH OF MONEY IN THIS SHORT TIME?

Or EXPLAIN THE BANK STATEMENT? YOUR PASSBOOK SHOWS THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEPOSITED? HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

WHY IS YOUR PASSBOOK REFLECTING RECENT TRANSACTIONS?

50. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN ABOUT YOUR HOUSE? HOW MANY SERVANTS IN YOUR HOUSE?

51. WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

52. IN CASE OF AGRICULTURE WE ARE SHOWING AS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF INCOME, WHAT TYPE OF CROPS GENERALLY YIELDING ON YOUR FIELDS?

53. WHY ARE YOU TAKING EDUCATION LOAN?

54. WHO WILL REPAY THE EDUCATION LOAN?

55. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO STAY IN USA?

56. WHAT IS YOUR FATHER'S ANNUAL INCOME?

57. WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER'S ANNUAL INCOME?

58. IN CASE OF BUSINESS, WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS IT IS?

59. WHAT IS THE TURN-OVER OF BUSINESS?

60. HOW MANY EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING UNDER YOUR FATHER?

61. DO YOU HAVE SPONSORS OTHER THAN PARENTS? WHAT THEY ARE DOING? WHY THEY ARE SPONSORING?

62. WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE THAT YOUR SPONSOR CAN SUPPORT YOUR STUDIES?

63. DO YOU HAVE TO REPAY THIS MONEY TO YOUR PARENTS?

64. DO YOU CAR DRIVING?

65. WHAT IS THE EMI OF LOAN WHICH YOU HAVE SHOWN?

61. PARENTS RETIRED HOW WILL THEY PAY? (In case they were retired or they are going to retired soon)

66. WHAT IS THE COURSE FEE?

67. HOW MUCH IS THE LIVING EXPENSES THROUGHOUT YOUR COURSE?

68. WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST OF YOUR EDUCATION IN USA?

69. WHY ARE YOU INVEST THIS MUCH OF MONEY,
IT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE IN INDIA WITH VERY LESS COST?
70. HOW MUCH READY AVAILABLE MONEY YOU HAVE?
71. ARE YOUR SPONSERS PAY I.T. AND HOW MUCH?
72. WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL FAMILY INCOME?
73. IN CASE OF YOU ARE ONLY CHILD TO YOUR PARENTS,
WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR PARENTS HERE, DURING YOUR STUDY PERIOD?
74. HOW YOU ARE PLAN TO REPAYMENT ALL YOU SPEND TO THIS COURSE?
75. WHO WERE THE PREPARING ALL THESE DOCUMENTS?
- 76.
- 77.
- 78.

COMEBACK (10% Weightage)

79. WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES?
80. LIST OF COMPANIES IN INDIA WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO GET OPPERTUNITIES
81. WHAT ARE THE POSITIONS THEY ARE GOING TO OFFER IN THOSE COMPANIES?
Or HAVE YOU RESEARCHED YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS?
82. WHY I AM GOING TO GIVE YOU THE VISA?
83. IF I AM REJECTING YOU THE VISA, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
84. WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER COMING BACK TO HOME?
85. DO YOU INTEND TO WORK IN USA AFTER COMPLETION OF YOUR STUDIES?
86. HOW MUCH MONEY CAN YOU EARN AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES?
87. AFTER FIVE YEARS WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?
88. IF GIVEN AN OPERTUNITY TO WORK IN USA AFTER COMPLETING YOUR STUDIES,
WILL YOU SETTLE THERE OR COME BACK TO INDIA?
89. HAVE YOU HIRED ANY CONSULTANT FOR ADMISSION AND VISA PROCESSING?
90. HOW CAN YOU CONVINC ME THAT YOU ARE NOT A PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANT?
91. INCASECAMPUS SELECTIONS, YOU ARE SELECTED THEN?

The phrase sufficient funds means the applicant must establish the unlikelihood of either becoming a public charge, or of resorting to unauthorized U.S. employment for financial support. An applicant must provide documentary evidence that sufficient funds are, or will be, available to defray all expenses during the entire period of anticipated study. This does not mean that the applicant must have cash immediately available to cover the entire period of

intended study, which may last several years. The consular officer must, however, require credible documentary evidence that the applicant has enough readily available funds to meet all expenses for the first year of study. The officer also must be satisfied that, barring unforeseen circumstances, adequate funds will be available for each subsequent year of study from the same source or from one or more other specifically identified and reliable financial sources.

ANSWERS

1. To pursue my

1. **Masters in VLSI-Design** (mention specialisation) in
2. **University of California Berkley** (mention name of university),
3. **Burkley** (mention place of university where it is located) in
4. **California State** (mention state name)

(Here you have to cover above four points)

2. The University facilitates the following things,

1. **Faculty**: they provide well industrially experienced faculty, and also
Provide visiting professors those who are top in the field
Through-out the world.
2. **Student to Faculty Ratio** : (is high) means for every ten students they
Provide one faculty.
3. **Course Curriculum**: Up to Date (i.e. Updated) course curriculum, what
Exactly the current industry needs today include in
Course curriculum.
4. **Labs**: Advanced laboratory specialities they provide.
5. **Project**: They facilitate to do the project in real industry that gives an
Advantage, after completion of my course when I come back to
India, in getting jobs.
6. **Research**: more research is going on particularly in the area of my
Specialisation. That gives me an advantage to explore more
in my area of interest i.e. specialisation.

3. It is two years course; it is having the following modules:

1. a....
2. b....

3. c....

4. d...

5. e....

6. f....

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Etc.

In addition with these modules, they facilitate to do the industrial project in the last six months.

(For this answer everybody has to refer the university website i.e. I-20 university, in case

It is not mentioned; go to good university websites like

1. STANFORD UNIVERSITY

2. CALIFORNIA BERKLEY UNIVERSITY

3. MIT

4. HARWARD (for MBA courses)

Etc.)

4. Through Websites or Google search.

After completion of my course (i.e. B.E/B.Tech), I am planning to do masters in

VLSI Designing (mention specialisation) then I gone through the so many

Universities, those offer this Course through internet, among those, few

Universities impress me, particularly This university impress me a lot,

Why because:

Faculty, Course Curriculum, Lab facilities, Project, Research etc.

5. Try to say reality for first two questions.

For third question, say like this: I don't have any rejections, remaining are in the process.

Then he/she (i.e. Visa Officer) ask still you are waiting for any other I-20?

Sol: No.

(Try to go to consulate with all your I-20; you got received up to now. They may ask, show me the all I-20's you got up to now?)

6. & 7. & 8.

I completed my BTECH in ECE in CBIT, affiliated to Osmania University in June 2009

With aggregate Percentage of 72% with No Backlogs.

9. Try to say reality for first two questions.

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