

UKVI (HOME OFFICE) CREDIBILITY INTERVIEWS

When you apply for a visa to enter the UK to study at Leicester College, you may need to attend a credibility interview with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) in your home country. These interviews are used to ensure that only genuine students are allowed to enter the UK.

During the interview you will be asked questions about:

- your personal and academic background;
- the studies you are planning to do at Leicester College;
- how and why you chose Leicester College and the particular course you applied for;
- your history of visits to the UK;
- how you intend to fund your studies; and
- how your planned studies support your longer-term career aspirations.



You should use these example questions to prepare for your interview. It is very important to be prepared!

Why Leicester College?

- what do you know about Leicester College?
- where did you find information about Leicester College and who helped you make your decision of where to study?
- what other UK colleges did you consider and why did you decide on Leicester?
- what factual information do you know about Leicester College and your course (course content, fees, student facilities, location within Leicester city)?
- can you find Leicester on a map of the UK?

Accommodation in Leicester

- have you arranged somewhere to stay in Leicester?
- what type of accommodation will you choose (halls of residence, with family, rented private accommodation etc.)?
- what are the advantages and disadvantages of this type of accommodation?
- how much will your accommodation cost? Think about your monthly budget and be prepared to talk about how you will fund your accommodation.

Travelling

- how will you get to Leicester? What are the travel options from the airport?
- what is the easiest way to get around Leicester?
- how long will it take to get from your accommodation to the Leicester College campus each day?

Financial issues

- how are you funding your studies and living costs (savings - yours, your parents, family business, other family members - education loan, financial sponsor)?
 - you will need to prove you have access to this money
 - you should take bank statements to your interview as proof of funds
- how much money will you need to live in Leicester? Where did you find this information? See <https://studentcalculator.org/> for typical living costs.
- Note: students on Short-term Study Visas are NOT allowed to work in the UK.

Study programme

- what do you know about the course you plan to study?
- how would you explain the benefits of this course?
- why did you choose to study in the UK?
- are there similar courses available in your home country?
- if studying in the UK is more expensive than in your home country, why did you decide to spend more to study in the UK?

Future plans

- what do you plan to do when you return to your home country?
- what are your future plans after you finish your course at Leicester College?
- how will your study programme help you achieve your goals?
- if you are studying English because it is necessary for work / family business:
 - what is your specific position at work / in the family business?
 - why is English important / necessary in your position?
- how does your study programme fit into your career plans?