

# Credibility Interview Guide



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Most student route applicants are required to attend an interview with UK Visas & Immigration. Students should therefore be aware that, as part of their student route visa application, they are likely to be required to undertake a short interview when they visit the visa centre to submit their application. For most students the Government expect that this interview will be around 5 minutes long and will be conducted via a video link with a specialist team who will be based in Sheffield, UK. The interview will focus on their reasons for choosing to study in the UK - this is known as a credibility interview.

A video record of this interview will be attached to the application file and then the visa officer in the responsible Embassy will consider this with the visa application and other supporting documentation. Some students may be called for a face to face interview if the visa officer requires more information. If students are requested to attend an interview, then it is mandatory and failure to attend without a satisfactory explanation will result in an automatic refusal of the visa application.

You should be aware that it is possible for students to satisfy normal requirements (50 points for the CAS, 10 points for maintenance and 10 points for English language) and not obtain a visa if the Entry Clearance Officer does not believe that the student has genuine intent to undertake study in the UK.

It is therefore important that our students are able to explain their chosen course of study and onward career intentions when they are questioned. We suggest that it is advisable for students to look at the possible questions they could be asked below and consider about how they might answer them. Students should not be unduly nervous about a credibility interview, our experience shows that students applying through a trusted representative have considered their UK study very carefully and understand the benefits of studying their degree commencing at ARU college. These students can therefore demonstrate their credibility easily and obtain their visa.



Please take a moment to watch the credibility interviews video

## Credibility Interview – Example questions

### Why did you choose to study this course?

- How will studying this subject help you meet your career goals?
- Which modules on this course which especially appealed to you?

### Why did you choose to study at this university?

- What made Anglia Ruskin the right choice for you?
- What was it about our facilities, course, modules, or accreditation which helped you reach your decision?

### Did you consider studying any other courses?

- Be prepared to talk about the other subjects you thought about studying.
- Why did you eventually decide on the course you have been accepted for?

### Did you consider studying at any other university, either in the UK or overseas?

- It is expected that you researched your options carefully. Be prepared to name other universities you considered.
- Why did you decide on the UK and Anglia Ruskin University in the end?

### What was the last course you successfully completed and when did you complete it?

- Be prepared to talk about your study history.
- Be specific and detailed about which courses you studied and when.

### How will your course at Anglia Ruskin assist you in your future plans?

- Be prepared to talk in detail about your career plans following your course.
- What job or position will you be qualified for, having completed this course?
- How much can you expect to earn?

### Where is the university located and where will you live in the UK?

- Make sure you know which city your campus is in. Be prepared to describe where that city is in the UK.
- Where exactly will you live? Have you booked accommodation on campus? If not, what address will you stay at and how far is it from the campus?

### How will you travel to your place of study and how much will this cost?

- Make sure you have researched how you will travel between your accommodation and campus.
- How much will this transport cost?

### How did you acquire the necessary funds to meet the course fees and living costs?

- How much are your course fees? How much have you paid already for course fees and accommodation?
- Explain where you got the money to study in the UK. If parent(s) are paying, where does their money come from?
- How can you be sure you'll have enough to fund your entire course?