

Guidelines for Answering Pre-CAS Interview Questions

To ensure a clear, structured, and personalized response in your Pre-CAS interview, follow these key points while focusing on your chosen course modules.

Structured Approach Using the PEE Technique:

Your answers should follow the **PEE** method:

- **Point:** Clearly state the main idea or key point of your answer.
- **Evidence:** Support your point with relevant examples, statistics, academic references, or reliable sources. If citing data, mention the source and date of publication.
- **Explanation:** Expand on your point by analyzing the evidence and linking it back to the question, ensuring logical reasoning.

Provide a detailed response lasting at least 3 minutes, covering three key points effectively.

- ✓ Explain at least three course modules—don't just name them; describe their significance in 2-3 lines each.
- ✓ Personalize your answers by aligning them with your academic background and professional aspirations.
- ✓ Maintain academic focus, demonstrating how the course aligns with your educational and career goals.
- ✓ Ensure logical connections between your previous qualifications, the chosen course, and your future career.
- ✓ Mention costs in GBP (£), including tuition fees, travel expenses, and living costs where relevant.
- ✓ Watch the interview video [here](#)

By following this structured approach, you can confidently present well-developed answers that strengthen your student visa application.

Essential Rules for the CAS Interview

To ensure a smooth and successful CAS interview, follow these important guidelines:

- ✓ **Complete the interview within 48 hours** of receiving the Enrolly Interview Invite Link.
- ✓ **Ensure all information checks are 100% completed** before starting the interview.

- ✓ **Maintain a stable internet connection** throughout the interview to avoid disruptions.
- ✓ **Set up in a well-lit room with a neat** and distraction-free background.
- ✓ **Do not use mobile phones**—the interview must be conducted on a laptop or desktop.
- ✓ **Use Firefox or Chrome browser** for the best experience.
- ✓ **Position your laptop's camera at eye level** and maintain an upright posture.
- ✓ **Look directly at the camera** while answering questions to maintain engagement.
- ✓ **Dress professionally** in formal attire and ensure proper grooming.
- ✓ **Maintain positive body language** with steady hand gestures for a confident impression.

1. In what ways do you think the UK's educational system will advance your education and career objectives? Tell us more about your UK study choice

- A. Could you highlight the features of the UK's higher education system that you found interesting?
- B. Which element of UK universities stood out as the most significant in your decision-making process? Tell us more about your UK study choice
- C. What do you expect student life in the UK to be like, and how is it different from your country? Tell us more about your UK study choice
- D. What aspects of the universities you considered made them appealing choices for your studies? Tell us more about the UK University sector

The UK's higher education system is globally recognized for its academic excellence, innovation, and industry relevance. Here's why I chose to pursue my studies in the UK:

- *Advanced Educational System & Academic Excellence*
- *Shorter Course Duration & Cost-Effectiveness*
- *Strong Industry Connections & Employability*
- *Differences in Educational Approach*
- *Student Life & Cultural Diversity*

By choosing to study in the UK, I am confident that I will receive a world-class education, industry-relevant skills, and global networking opportunities that will help me achieve my academic and career goals.

2. How does the UEL's reputation and ranking and teaching- learning process align with your personal academic preferences and your decision-making process?

- A. How do you think the university's location, campus environment and surrounding area contribute to your overall study experience? Tell us more about your University choice
- B. What are some unique features or strengths of this university that attracted you? Tell us more about your university choice
- C. How much did the cost of school and living affect your choice of course and university?
- D. Looking back on your decision-making process, what advice would you give to future students considering multiple universities?

- *UEL's Reputation, Teaching Quality & Rankings*
- *My Course & Modules*
- *University Location & Campus Environment*
- *Unique Strengths of UEL*

- *Cost of Tuition & Living Considerations*
- *Comparing UEL with Other Universities*
- *Advice to Future Students*

By choosing UEL, I am confident that I will receive a **world-class education** that will prepare me for a successful career in **[your chosen field]**.

3. Which are the modules you will be studying with us? Please name the full title of the course you have applied for and explain why you have chosen this course.

- A. What are the main and the hardest things you will be learning in your course and how will you handle these difficulties? Tell us more about your course
- B. What are your goals for what you want to learn and how you want to grow by the end of your course? Tell us more about your course
- C. What important skills do you think you will learn during your studies? Tell us more about your course

- *Course Title and Reason for Choosing It*
- *Modules I Will Be Studying - Name at least 3-4 modules*
- *The Most Challenging Aspects of My Course & How I Will Overcome Them*
- *My Learning Goals and Personal Growth by the End of the Course*
- *Key Skills I Will Acquire During My Studies*
- *Assessment & Credit System at UEL*
- *How This Course Will Help Me Achieve My Career Goals*

4. How did you research and compare the different universities you were considering? Tell us more about the UK University sector.

- A. How did you research and compare different universities before deciding on this one? Tell us more about your University choice
- B. What aspects of the university's social and cultural environment do you find appealing as a student? Tell us more about your University choice
- C. How did you weigh the potential benefits and drawbacks of each university before making your final decision? Tell us more about the UK University sector

- *How I Researched and Compared Different Universities*
- *Unique Modules at UEL Not Offered by Other Universities*
- *Supplementary Reasons for Choosing UEL Over Other Universities*

- ✓ Assessment Criteria & Teaching Pedagogy
- ✓ Industry Partnerships & Employability
- ✓ Location & Cost of Living
- ✓ Fee Structure & Scholarships

- *Social & Cultural Environment at UEL*
- *Weighing the Benefits and Drawbacks of Each University*

By choosing UEL, I am confident that I will gain **the skills, industry connections, and practical experience** needed to achieve my career goals in **[mention your field, e.g., business, IT, finance]**.

5. Please summarize your academic background, including the institutions you attended and the subjects you studied that have prepared you for your chosen course at the university. Tell us more about your academic history

- A. What aspects of your career have inspired you to pursue further studies? Based on your work experience, what skills and knowledge will you bring to the course, and what do you hope to develop? Also, could you explain your study gap?
- B. Have you recently graduated? If so, when did your course conclude? If you have been working since then, please state your current job title and explain why you are applying for this course.
- C. What has happened in your personal or work situation that made you decide to study now? Tell us more about your study gap
- D. Were there any particular subjects or courses that you have taken in the past that have sparked your interest in pursuing your chosen field of study? Tell us more about your academic history

- *My Academic Background and Institutions Attended*
- *Work Experience and Skills Gained*
- *Explanation of My Study Gap*
- *Why I Chose to Study Now*
- *Connection Between Past Studies and My Chosen Course*

I believe that **combining my past education with the specialized modules at UEL** will help me achieve my long-term career aspirations in **[mention desired job role or industry]**.

6. How important is it for you to get work experience in the UK for your future career? Tell us more about your work plans.

- A. Why is having a placement important to you? How will it benefit you in the future?
- B. How will your future be impacted by the one-year placement you have applied for? And why is it important
- C. How useful do you think your international work experience will be? And why would it be important?

- *The Significance of a UK Placement for My Career*
- *The Academic Benefits of a Placement Year*
 - ✓ Enhance My Practical Learning
 - ✓ Develop Industry-Specific Skills
 - ✓ Improve Research and Problem-Solving Abilities
- *The Long-Term Impact of My UK Work Experience*
 - ✓ Providing a Global Perspective
 - ✓ Strengthening My Resume for Future Opportunities
 - ✓ Building Professional Networks

*By gaining **UK-based work experience**, I will develop the **technical expertise, problem-solving abilities, and professional confidence** required to excel in my career. This placement will not only **complement my academic learning** but also **enhance my career prospects**, making it a vital part of my educational journey.*

7. In detail, explain how you expect this course you will be studying at UEL to help you succeed with your 5-year career plan?

- A. How could working part-time in the UK help you grow and learn about the culture? Tell us more about your work plans
- B. What would you tell other students from other countries who want to work while they study in the UK? Tell us more about your work plans
- C. How will you make sure you have time for both your schoolwork and a job? What skills do you have that would help you get a part-time job in the UK?
- D. What are the hardest things about reaching your job goals, and how will you deal with them? Tell us more about your post-study plans

E. How and what will you learn in your course which will help you in your future job? Tell us more about your post-study plans

- *Course Impact on My Career Success*
- *How Part-Time Work in the UK Will Help My Growth*
- *Balancing Work and Study in the UK*
- *Overcoming Challenges to Reach My Job Goals*
- *How My Course Will Help in My Future Job*
- *My Ideal Job Title and Career Path*
- *Future Employers and Salary Expectations*
- *Achieving My Goals*

*By combining the **knowledge gained at UEL, work experience, and networking opportunities**, I am confident I will be able to achieve both my short-term and long-term career goals.*

8. **Can you explain how many hours you're allowed to work in the UK with your student visa? Tell us more about your work plans**

- A. What have you looked into about part-time jobs in the UK and the rules you need to follow? Tell us more about your work plans
- B. Have you researched the UKVI financial requirements for international students? If so, how have you ensured you meet these requirements? Tell us more about your funding
- C. Do you know what the rules are for students from other countries working in the UK? Tell us more about your work plans.

*As an international student in the UK on a Tier 4 (General) student visa, I am permitted to work part-time during term time, for a maximum of **20 hours per week**. During university vacation periods, I can work **full-time**.*

*However, there are some **important restrictions** to be aware of regarding the type of work I can do. These include:*

- *I cannot use part-time work to fund my studies.*
- *I am not allowed to engage in **self-employment or business activities**.*
- *I cannot take on roles such as **professional coaches, sports persons, or entertainers**.*

*It is crucial to follow these guidelines to stay compliant with **UKVI** (UK Visas and Immigration) regulations and avoid any legal issues during my studies.*

9. What are the consequences if you breach UKVI rules around working?

Breaching the UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI) rules regarding employment can lead to serious consequences, including the following:

- **Visa Revocation:** *If found in violation of UKVI's working rules, your visa could be revoked, leading to deportation from the UK and potential restrictions on re-entering the country in the future.*
- **Legal Action:** *Violating UKVI rules may result in legal consequences, such as fines, penalties, or even criminal charges, depending on the nature and severity of the breach.*
- **Negative Impact on Future Applications:** *A breach of UKVI rules can negatively affect your future immigration applications, including visa extensions. Such violations can harm your credibility and raise concerns about your compliance with immigration regulations.*
- **Employer Penalties:** *Employers who knowingly hire individuals violating UKVI rules could face severe penalties, such as fines, legal action, and restrictions on their ability to sponsor future employees for visas.*
- **Damage to Reputation:** *Being involved in any breach of UKVI work rules can harm your reputation both within the UK and globally, affecting your personal and professional standing.*

It is essential to fully understand and comply with the UKVI work regulations specific to your visa category. If you have any doubts or questions regarding your eligibility to work in the UK, it is advisable to seek guidance from legal professionals or the appropriate authorities to ensure you remain compliant with immigration laws and avoid potential violations.

*Additionally, I have reviewed the **UKVI financial requirements** for international students and have made sure I meet these requirements by securing adequate funding for both my tuition fees and living expenses. I have arranged sufficient funds to cover my **tuition, accommodation, and daily expenses** during my time in the UK.*

By adhering to the work guidelines and having a clear understanding of financial obligations, I am confident in managing my finances and complying with UK student visa regulations.

10. Can you explain your plan for financing your tuition fees and living expenses while studying in the UK? Tell us more about your funding

- A. Have you considered the financial implications of travelling back to your home country during holidays or breaks? How have you incorporated these costs into your budget? Tell us more about your funding
- B. What money advice would you give to others who want to study at your university? Tell us more about your funding
- C. Have you checked how much it costs to live where your university is, and how has this changed your budget? Tell us more about your funding

When planning for your studies in the UK, it is essential to consider the various financial aspects involved, including tuition fees, living expenses, and other associated costs. Here is a breakdown of key financial considerations:

- **Tuition Fees:** According to UKVI (UK Visa and Immigration) requirements, international students must demonstrate that they have the financial means to cover their first year of tuition fees. The exact amount will depend on your chosen course and university, so it's important to check the specific fee structure for your program.
- **Living Expenses:** You must show that you can support your living expenses during your studies. The UKVI sets a general guideline for living costs based on your location. For students living in London, the recommended living expenses are approximately **£1,483** per month, amounting to **£13,847 for 9 months**. This should be considered when budgeting for daily living, including accommodation, food, and transportation.
- **Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS):** The IHS is required to access the UK's National Health Service (NHS). The amount you need to pay for the surcharge depends on the length of your visa and whether you have any dependents.
- **Miscellaneous Expenses:** In addition to tuition and living costs, students should budget for one-time expenses like visa application fees, travel costs, and initial setup costs, including phone bills, groceries, and accommodation deposits.

11. What are your expectations of the UK's student support services and resources?

When studying in the UK, student support services are crucial for ensuring a successful academic journey and a fulfilling personal experience. Here's what you can expect:

- Academic Support:
- Career Services
- Wellness and Mental Health Support
- Diversity and Inclusion Services:
- Accommodation Assistance
- Financial Aid Guidance
- Disability Services

- *Student Engagement Opportunities*

These services are designed to help students thrive both academically and personally while studying in the UK, making it an ideal environment for personal development and success.

12. What type of accommodation are you planning to live in while studying at the university?

- A. Are you comfortable sharing your room with other roommates or do you want to stay alone?
- B. What kind of accommodation you are planning to avail of during the course you are pursuing at UEL?

Choosing the right accommodation is a key part of your university experience at the University of East London (UEL). Below are the different accommodation options available to students, each offering unique benefits depending on personal preferences, lifestyle, and budget:

- **On-Campus Residences:** *Convenient, close to academic facilities, fostering a vibrant student community.*
- **Off-Campus Housing:** *Offers more independence and flexibility in location and amenities.*
- **Private Rented Accommodation:** *Provides autonomy and privacy, allowing for a personalized living space.*
- **Homestays:** *Immersive cultural experience, fostering language practice and cultural exchange.*
- **Student Halls and Shared Flats:** *Encourage social interactions and create a supportive peer network.*

When selecting your accommodation, you should consider factors such as location (proximity to campus), monthly rent, your personal lifestyle, and any additional expenses (such as commuting costs and amenities). Additionally, it's important to explore the support services offered for each accommodation type to ensure it aligns with your needs and preferences. Full address and pin code of your accommodation are necessary to finalize housing arrangements.

13. Have you ever received a visa refusal? If so, please explain why you have been refused, when this occurred, the country you applied to, and the type of visa applied for.

Please provide a clear explanation regarding any previous visa refusals. If you have never been refused a visa, you can state:

"I have never had a visa refusal."

If you have experienced a visa refusal, please explain the following details:

- *The country where you applied for the visa*
- *The type of visa you applied for*
- *The date of the refusal*
- *The reason(s) for the refusal (e.g., insufficient documentation, failure to meet financial requirements, etc.)*

Make sure to provide a full and accurate account of the situation in complete sentences.

Personalised Questions

The following are some suggested questions, though not limited to just these. Feel free to express yourself confidently in your own words.

1. Returning to Full-Time Studies:

Studying full-time in another country can be a big adjustment. What steps have you taken to ensure you are fully prepared for student life again?

2. Exciting City in the UK:

Which city in the UK are you most excited to visit and why? Can you name three famous tourist attractions in the UK that interest you?

3. Favorite School Subject:

What was your favorite subject in school and why? Can you share a time when you faced a significant academic challenge and how you overcame it?

4. Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle:

How do you plan to maintain a healthy lifestyle, including exercise and nutrition, while studying in the UK?

5. Staying Connected with Loved Ones:

How do you plan to stay connected with your family and friends back home while studying in the UK?

6. Actor for Your Movie:

If someone were to play you in a movie, who would you want it to be and why?

7. Living as Someone Else for a Day:

If you could live as someone else for a day, who would you choose and why?

8. Definition of Success:

What does success mean to you?

9. Essential Soft Skills for Job Success:

What soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, or problem-solving, do you think are crucial for your job success?

10. Staying Updated with Immigration Rules:

How do you plan to stay informed about any changes to immigration rules or regulations that may affect your stay in the UK?

11. Staying Informed about Current Events:

What are your favorite ways to stay updated on current events or global issues, and how do you think studying in the UK will expand your understanding?

12. Hobbies and Fun Activities:

Tell us about your hobbies or what you like to do for fun.

13. Cultural Differences between Home and the UK:

What are your expectations of the cultural differences between your home country and the UK?

14. Challenges in Studies:

What difficult aspects do you think you may face in your studies, and how will you tackle them?

15. Proudest Achievement:

Tell us about your proudest achievement.

16. Making the Most of Your Time in the UK:

How do you plan to make the most of your time in the UK, both academically and personally?

17. Your Dream Day:

What does your dream day look like? If you didn't need to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?