

1.WHY ARE YOU GOING TO THE USA?

- I am a pharmacy student, and America is the birthplace of pharmacogenomics, led by the Human Genome Project and institutions like the NIH and FDA. Unlike the UK, Canada, and Australia, which are still developing in this area, the U.S. sets global standards and offers advanced research and clinical integration in the field.
- I'm going to study Master's in Pharmacy in the USA because I want to specialize in areas like drug formulation and regulatory affairs—fields where the U.S. has both academic leadership and real-world industry integration.
- I chose the USA because many universities have advanced research laboratories and workshops, allowing students to participate in ground-breaking research and develop innovative products...
- The US is home to 56 highest-ranked pharmacy universities and colleges in the world.
- I'm going to the USA because it offers world-class education, especially in pharmacy, with strong industry connections, advanced research facilities, and practical training aligned with global standards like those of the FDA.

2. WHY THE U.S OVER AUSTRALIA, UK, CANADA?

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- CRISPR was discovered globally, but only the USA turned it into real treatments through strong FDA support and clear regulations. Other countries are still in the early stages, which is why I want to study

Drug Regulatory Affairs in the U.S., where new medicines reach patients faster.

- As a student in the USA, I will have the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge research on drug delivery systems, personalized medicine, pharmacokinetics, and AI in pharmacology—research exposure and lab facilities that are not as readily available in the UK or Australia.
- The United States stands at the forefront of pharmacy AI tools like PharmacyGPT, enabling students to participate in their evolution from lab research to real-world use—access that is currently limited in other countries.
- The United States uniquely integrates drug regulatory science with advanced technologies such as AI, pharmacovigilance tools, and FDA-based regulatory workflows. Countries like the UK, Canada, and Australia are still developing such integration. That’s why the U.S. is the most relevant and future-focused place for my MS in Drug Regulatory Affairs.”

3. TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT AMERICA AND ITS EDUCATION SYSTEM.

U.S. universities produce over 25% of global research, funded by agencies like the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense—even at the master's program level.

The U.S. education system offers flexible learning with real-world projects, research, and internships, allowing students to shape their career paths through personalized study in an innovation-driven environment.

America is one of the most populous and respected nations globally, home to many top-ranked universities. The U.S. education system offers

flexibility, allowing students to choose subjects based on their interests, with a strong focus on practical, hands-on learning. It is known for delivering high-quality education and internationally recognized degrees.

Universities provide academic support, assistance with adapting to a new environment, mentorship programs, and social/cultural activities.

4. HOW CAN YOU PROVE THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO INDIA AFTER YOUR STUDIES?

My entire family, including my parents and siblings, live in India, and I have personal responsibilities towards them.

After completing my MS in Regulatory Affairs, I plan to return to India and eventually start a job in one of the leading pharmaceutical companies of India like Zydus, Cadila, Cipla, or Dr, Reddy's. With the global knowledge gained from the U.S., I aim to support Indian pharmaceutical companies in meeting international regulatory standards like USFDA, EMA, and CDSCO.

I am fully focused on my education and have no intention of seeking immigration or permanent residency in the U.S.

5..WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS SPECIFIC UNIVERSITY?

LIU Pharmacy houses dedicated laboratories focused on drug discovery, molecular pharmacology, and preclinical cancer research, equipped with advanced facilities such as imaging systems, flow cytometry, and animal research models."

Dr. Kenza Benzeroual's 38+ publications and 340+ citations reflect her strong expertise in drug safety and pharmacology. Learning from her will give me practical and research-driven regulatory knowledge.

CIMM is an advanced pharmacy tech and analytics lab, established exclusively at LIU in partnership with Omnicell, perfectly aligned with my field of study.

LIU's new Drug Discovery Platform, funded by New York State, allows students to work on biologics and therapeutic antibodies using advanced tools like Dassault's 3DEXPERIENCE.

6. WHY THIS COURSE?

1. The course has 11% faster-than-average employment growth indicating strong demand and better job opportunities in this field on a global basis.
2. LIU's 33-credit MS in Drug RA offers specialized training in drug approval, safety, and global regulations, leading to strong career prospects in the pharma sector.
3. The STEM-based curriculum offers hands-on learning through labs and case studies, helping me build practical skills for real-world regulatory challenges.
4. This course trains me to ensure new drugs meet global safety standards—which is crucial as advanced therapies like biologics and gene treatments grow.
5. Teaching, Research, and Graduate Assistantships available during the course term

7 WHAT IS THE FUTURE IN THIS COURSE?

1. New-age drugs like gene therapies and mRNA vaccines need complex approvals. Companies rely on RA professionals to handle these processes.

2. Clinical Trial Approval Management is a key future role in Drug Regulatory Affairs. As global clinical research grows, companies need RA professionals to handle trial approvals and ensure regulatory compliance.
3. Risk Management and Pharmacovigilance are growing fields in Drug RA, with rising demand for experts to ensure drug safety and compliance.
4. Every new drug, vaccine, or medical device must go through a rigorous approval process. This creates a **high demand** for professionals who understand global regulations (FDA, EMA, CDSCO, etc.).

8. What do you hope to do with your degree in your home country?

I want to use my degree to help Indian pharma companies get faster approvals for clinical trials and bring their medicines to global markets more efficiently.

I hope to either start my own consulting business or work as a Regulatory Intelligence Analyst in a company to contribute to better market strategies and regulatory growth in my home country.

"I aim to work as a Regulatory Intelligence Analyst to help Indian pharma companies improve market access and global compliance."

I can guide Indian pharma companies in aligning their clinical data, labeling, and dossiers with evolving international norms—ensuring faster approvals and global trust."

9. WHY THIS UNIVERSITY FOR THE CHOSEN COURSE AND WHY NOT IN INDIA?

1. Long Island University offers a unique mix of theory and practical learning through advanced labs like CIMM and 3D simulation tools, which are rarely available in Indian pharmacy colleges.
2. LIU offers rigorous, hands-on training in FDA submissions and global compliance, unlike Indian colleges that still rely on theoretical, exam-focused learning.
3. LIU helps students build real-world skills like writing regulatory documents, preparing drug approval files, and handling compliance tasks—practical training that is hard to find in India's mostly theory-based education system.

10. WHY, DO YOU WANT TO INVEST SO MUCH MONEY IN THIS COURSE?

LIU's new Drug Discovery Platform, funded by New York State, allows students to work on biologics and therapeutic antibodies using advanced tools like Dassault's 3DEXPERIENCE, which is not easily available in India.

I'm investing in this course because it trains me in real FDA drug approval work and global regulations, which are required in top pharma jobs but not taught in Indian courses.

I'm investing in this course because it teaches me how global drug companies work and gives me the skills I need for jobs that I can't prepare for through Indian courses.

12. WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE COURSES OF THE UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED?

Criteria	Northeastern University (NU)	Long Island University (LIU)
Learning Approach	Theory + Co-op based	Practical + Lab-based
class Size	Larger, more competitive	Smaller classes,
personalized mentoring		

At NU, electives and co-op can make the course longer and more costly. LIU has a fixed plan, so it's quicker and more affordable. LIU gives 15 weeks for each subject, so it's easier to understand tough topics like FDA rules. NU gives only 10 weeks, which can feel rushed and harder to follow.

13. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CITY AND WHICH CITY YOU GO?

Ahmedabad is a World Heritage City and a modern metro with a strong infrastructure, quality education, and well-connected transportation.

Brooklyn is a vibrant borough of New York City, known for its mix of cultures, local art scenes, food from around the world, and iconic spots like the Brooklyn Bridge and Coney Island.

Brooklyn is loved for its iconic pizza slices, rich cheesecake, classic hot dogs, and diverse world cuisines.

14. HAVE YOU DONE ANY PROJECT DURING YOUR BACHELOR PHARMACY?

Yes, during my bachelor's, I completed two internships—one in QA/QC and Production during semester 7 to understand real-time industry flow, and another in Regulatory Affairs during semester 8 to strengthen my core knowledge and build a hands-on understanding of documentation and compliance in pharma.

In my final semester, I developed and evaluated a gastric-specific drug formulation, focusing on pH-triggered release and filling accuracy.

16. DESCRIBE YOUR CURRICULUM.

☐ The curriculum includes 24 core credits on FDA rules, ICH/EMA guidelines, clinical trials, safety, and CMC. It also has 3 credits in research methods and 6 credits for a two-semester thesis with hands-on regulatory work.

The MS in Drug Regulatory Affairs at LIU is a 33-credit program with 8 core subjects (24 credits) covering FDA laws, global approvals, clinical trials, and IND/NDA prep. Students can choose a thesis option (9 credits) or a non-thesis option with 3 electives (9 credits).

17. . Have you ever been to the USA?

No, I haven't been to the USA before. This will be my first visit, and I'm looking forward to experiencing both academic and cultural life while studying there.

18. Have you ever been to any other countries?

No, this will be my first international experience, and I'm excited to learn and grow both personally and professionally.

19. Do you know anyone at this university?

No, I don't personally know anyone at Long Island University. However, I've been in touch with the admissions office, and they've been very helpful throughout the application process.

20. Will you come home during summer for visits?

No, I won't visit home during the summer. I want to focus on my studies and explore new places while I'm there.

21: Which colleges/universities did you apply to?

I have applied to two Universities:- Northeastern University and Long Island University.

22. Why did you apply to these Universities?

I applied to these Universities because of the reason that the course curricula of these Universities actually align with my perspective of one of the best courses provided in my field, which integrates Drug regulatory affairs, biostatic, and(complete the answer)

23: Which colleges accepted you?

I got an acceptance letter from two colleges but I ultimately chose Liu.

24: What is your bachelor's GPA/Percentage?

My bachelor's CGPA is 7.52 out of 10. It reflects consistent performance, especially in core pharmaceutical subjects where I focused more on practical understanding and project work than just exam scores.

25 When and where did you get your bachelor's degree?

I completed my Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy in June 2025 from K. B. Raval College, affiliated with Gujarat Technological University.

26. How did you learn about this University?

I learn about Long Island University through my college professor after that I did lots of research about this university on their website.

27: How long will you study in the USA?

The master's program in Drug Regulatory Affairs will take 2 years to complete. It starts in Fall 2025 and will finish in 2027. After completing the degree, the plan is to return to India and begin a career in pharmaceutical regulatory affairs.

28. Do you plan to get a PhD after your master's?

I do not have any plan to do PhD after completing my master's because I want to gain practical experience in the pharma industry after my master's.

29: Who is sponsoring you?

My education is being funded through an education loan. My family is the co-signer for the loan, and my family is also supporting me financially

30:What does your father do?

My father is a Regional Sales Manager in a ceramic company, handling dealer networks and driving sales growth across multiple states.

31: What is your father's annual income?

His annual income is approximately 16 Lac INR.

32:How long has he been working for his current employer?

He has been working for the past 2 years, where he improved dealer networks and helped increase regional sales.

33:What is your college/university's yearly expense?

My university's yearly expenses are \$55,828, which covers tuition, academic fees, living expenses, and other student services.

34:Have you obtained any loans for your education?

Yes, I have taken an education loan to cover my tuition and living expenses.

35: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

I have one younger brother.

36: Do you have a brother/sister, or any other relative already at this university?

No, I don't have any brothers/sisters/relatives at the long island university

37: Do you have any other relatives in the USA?

No, I don't have any relatives in the USA.

38: Where did your siblings/parents complete their studies?

My younger brother is pursuing IT from GTU, and both my parents completed their studies at Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University in Patan.

39: Where do your parents live?

My parents live in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.

40. What will you do if I reject your visa?

First of all, I respect the decision of the authorities. Then I will look into my application, identify any mistakes or missing details, correct them, and reapply for my visa with better preparation.

41. Why should I approve your visa?

I'm serious about my career in Drug Regulatory Affairs. LIU's course matches my goals, my finances are fully managed, and after finishing my studies, I will return to India to work in a pharmaceutical company. I don't plan to stay in the U.S. permanently.

42. Why have your parents spent so much money on you?

My parents are investing a lot of money in my education because they want me to have better opportunities and make wiser decisions in the future. Moreover, they believe that quality education leads to financial stability and long-term security.

43. Where will you be staying and why?

I haven't finalized my housing yet, but I plan to stay on campus. It's a great way to adjust to the new environment, meet other students, and focus on my studies in a safe, structured setting.

44: Why didn't you choose New York State (pending ans)

45: Parents are ready to send you alone?

Yes, my parents support my decision because they believe that studying in the USA will provide me with valuable academic and career opportunities. They trust me to handle the responsibilities, and they are confident this experience will help me grow both personally and professionally.

46: What skills can you develop by studying abroad?

Studying abroad will help me gain advanced knowledge in drug regulations and global compliance, along with critical thinking and communication skills needed for the pharma industry.

47 Are you a potential immigrant?

No ones I complete my master's in the USA I will come back to my home country.

48: Tell me about yourself.

49 What are your passport details?

49. How much will you pay for the living expenses in the USA?

My living expenses, including accommodation, food, and transportation, are estimated to be around \$22,790 per year.

50: What is the contact number and email address of the University?