

Common College Interview Questions

When you go for your college interview, make sure to dress professionally and present yourself well. You want to make sure you show up on time, maybe even a bit early; that way you don't feel rushed or flustered. Make sure to greet your interviewer with a firm handshake and look him/her in the eye. Take your time answering all questions asked, and don't feel like you have to answer them the second they are done being asked. There is nothing wrong with taking a moment to think about your answer before beginning to speak. When the interviewer is done asking his/her questions, they may ask if you have any questions for them. (See the possible list below.) Once you are finished, thank the interviewer for their time by shaking their hand again, and maybe express how much you are looking forward to attending their school or alma mater.

Bolded questions are the most commonly asked ones; ones you are extremely likely to see in every interview you attend.

- **Tell me about yourself.**
- **Why are you interested in our college?**
- What can I tell you about our college?
- Who in your life has most influenced you?
- **What do you plan to major in and why?**
- **What will you contribute to our campus community?**
- How will you bring diversity to our campus?
- **Tell me about a challenge that you overcame.**
- What do you do for fun in your free time?
- What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?
- Does your high school record accurately reflect your effort and ability?
- **What are your strengths? Weaknesses?**
- What do you want to get out of your college experience?

Question ideas to ask your interviewer:

- What did you like most about the university?
- What was your favorite thing to do in the city when you had free time?
- Can you tell me a little about the city of _____. I've never lived there before.
- What did you major in? Did you enjoy it?