



THE COLLEGE INTERVIEW

Your college interview is an opportunity for you to learn more about the college and decide whether it is a good fit for you. Your interviewer is delighted that you have chosen to spend additional time learning about his or her college. The interview also provides you with the opportunity to make an impression beyond what the traditional application has to offer. Remember, if you are polite, friendly, thoughtful and prepared, the interview is likely to aid your chances of admission.

Sample interview questions:

Tell me about yourself.

Be specific and memorable.

Why are you interested in this college?

Be specific about why you are applying. If your answer can be applied to other colleges as well as the one you are interviewing at, then it is not specific enough. For example, answering that you like the location, the college has your major, the college is close to home or the college is highly ranked are all too general.

Why you do want to major in....?

Be specific. If you are not sure of your major, mention your strategy for deciding on a major.

What are your academic strengths?

Talk about how you use your strengths and how you intend to use them in the future.

What are your academic weaknesses?

It is perfectly fine to mention your academic weaknesses. Also talk about how you have addressed these weaknesses.

What will you contribute to this school?

Be specific about how you plan to participate on campus and in the classroom.

What would you change about your high school?

Be thoughtful.

Who do you admire?

Remember to say why.

What is your favorite book?

Tell the interviewer why you like the book.

Why do you want to go to college?**What makes a good teacher?****How do you spend your free time?**

Everyone hangs with their friends and watches TV. Give a more unique answer by talking about your most interesting hobby.

What makes you unique?

If you aren't sure, ask your family and friends for ideas.

What is an obstacle/challenge you have faced and how did you get through it?

Be honest and focus on the second part of the question.

What are your future goals? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Answer realistically and optimistically.

What have you enjoyed most about your high school?

Questions to ask:

What advice do you have for me as an incoming freshman?

Ask for more information about something that interested you on the college's website.

Questions not to ask:

Do not ask about your admissions chances.