



LEYSIN AMERICAN SCHOOL
IN SWITZERLAND

US COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INTERVIEW TIPS & QUESTIONS FROM LAS UNIVERSITY ADVISORS

Once you are invited to an interview with a university admissions officer or alumnus, it's important to **do your homework** and **come prepared**. Included below are some common questions interviewers ask. This is NOT preparation for UK interview.

These questions are meant to give you a general idea so you can consider how you might answer them. Most of the time, an admission officer simply wants to **get to know you** and see that **you are enthusiastic** about applying to their college/ university.

You will make a good impression by simply **being yourself**, whatever that means for you. Feel free to ask questions that may help you make a decision about attending their school.

The following are recommendations to help you through the US interview process.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Why do you want to attend our college/university?
- What will you contribute?
- What courses have you enjoyed most?
- Are your grades an accurate reflection of your potential?
- Which of your activities is most rewarding and why?
- What has been your biggest achievement?
- What's your opinion on [fill in current event]?
- How did you spend last summer?
- What do you want to do after you graduate from college/university?
- What's the most difficult situation you've faced?
- If you could change one thing about your high school, what would it be?
- Describe a day in the life of "you."
- Why should we accept you?
- What would you change about your school?
- What are your strongest points? Weaknesses?
- How would you describe your school?
- Who do you admire and why?
- Which teacher do you like the most?
- How do you fit into your school body?
- How do you view Leysin/your hometown?
- How would your friends describe you?
- Does anything stand out about this college/university to you?
- What books and/or articles outside of classroom work have you read in the last year?
- What events in your life have been most crucial for you?
- What is your idea of success?
- If you could phone anyone, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
- Are you a leader?
- Do you have a special talent/gift?
- What, in your opinion, is a college/university education?

QUESTIONS TO ASK ADMISSIONS OFFICERS

- How many students will be in the freshman class this year?
- What activities are available for freshmen to meet other students?
- Which college or university did you attend? (if not an alumnus)
- What kind of orientation program does your school offer?
- Is there a freshman curriculum or class?
- How can I find out about part-time job opportunities or internships on campus?
- Is there anything else I can tell you about myself to help you make a fair and informed decision about my application?

<u>DON'T</u>	<u>DO</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be late• Memorize speeches — sound natural and conversational• Ask questions covered by the college catalog• Chew gum• Wear lots of cologne or perfume• Swear or use too much slang• Be arrogant—there's a fine line between being confident and boasting• Lie—it will come back to haunt you• Respond with only "yes" or "no" answers• Tell the school it's your safety• Be rude to the receptionist or any other staff you meet• Bring a parent into the interview• Refuse an interview—this is usually noted• Pretend to be an expert on a subject if asked difficult questions.• Lie about your accomplishments or exaggerate• Wear torn/ripped/revealing street clothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask/prepare questions• Be yourself• Be natural• Relax• Have fun during the interview• Come prepared but not rehearsed• Wear the LAS uniform or casual professional dress