

Sample University Interview Questions

About you

Tell me about yourself?

How would you describe yourself?

What are you best at?

What are your main interests?

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

Your time at school

Why did you select the subjects you studied for A-Level?

What do you like about the subjects you studied for A-Level?

How rewarding did you find the subjects you studied for A-Level?

What courses have you taken, other than A-levels, either at school or outside?

What have you most enjoyed at school?

What do you dislike about school?

About your studies

Why do you want to study for a degree?

What do you think university can offer you?

What else, apart from study, interests you about university?

What do you know about the course?

What attracts you to this course?

Why did you apply to this university?

Why have you chosen this subject/department?

How would you define your subject?

Why is your subject important?

What are the most important current developments in your subject?

What features of this course do you find attractive?

Why should we offer you a place?

What do you believe to be the functions of a good university?

What are your views on the funding of universities?

What do you think you can offer this university?

How do you think you will benefit from a university education?

How do you think universities should achieve a good social mix in their intake?

Skills and Experience

What work experience have you had?

What did you learn from any work experience you've done?

What practical skills have you acquired?

What are your career plans?

What qualities do you possess that will help you follow your chosen career?

What positions of responsibility have you held?

What have learned from any positions of responsibility you hold?

What opportunities have you had for exercising leadership?

Describe a situation where you were put under pressure?

How did you react to a situation where you were put under pressure?

What was the outcome of a situation where you were put under pressure?

Gap Year

Why are you taking a gap year?

What are you planning to do on your gap year?

How did you arrange your gap year?

How does your gap year fit in with your career plans?

What do you hope to achieve on your gap year?

Why have you decided not to take a GAP year?

Does not taking a gap year put you at a disadvantage in any way?

Your Interests

What really interests you?

What are you interested in reading?

What was the last book you read?

How did you choose the last book you read?

What is your favourite newspaper or periodical?

Do you follow a particular columnist in a newspaper or periodical?

Have you been abroad?

Describe your most interesting experience abroad.

Can you describe the interested listed on your personal statement in more detail?

Are you good at working on your own?

Tell me an achievement of which you are proud.