



# Questions to Ask in a College Interview

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A college interview can be overwhelming but luckily there are many ways in which you can prepare. Make sure you spend time researching the college and knowing exactly why you want to attend there. The most common question is “tell me about yourself” so you’ll want to take some time reflecting on who you are as a person. There’s a good chance you will be asked how you will contribute to the school’s overall mission. Consider practicing answering these questions with a friend or family member prior to your interview. Also remember to dress appropriately and arrive at least fifteen minutes before your scheduled interview. An interview is a great opportunity for you to ask questions as well, so be prepared with at least four to five questions before the interview. Prepare your questions beforehand, and remember to showcase yourself appropriately in your interview.

Here are some questions that you can ask that will give you more insight on the school’s culture and academics. When asking a question, try to avoid asking information that can easily be found on the school’s website.



Here are some hypothetical questions to ask:

1. Can you tell me more about (the academic program you are interested in)?
2. What career planning services are available?
3. Do you have any advice for incoming freshmen?
4. If your interviewer is an alumni, ask about their personal experience.
5. Inquire about a particular club or team.
6. Is there a favorite tradition at the school that students enjoy the most?
7. What community/campus involvement opportunities are available?

8. What tutoring and academic support systems are available to students?

Asking questions to your interviewer about the school shows that you are interested in attending their school and that you have prepared for your interview. It also demonstrates that you have initiative and looked into the programs the school offers. It also shows that you were actively engaged in the conversation with your interviewer.



However, there is one question you should never ask during the interview:

1. What are my chances of getting an offer of admissions?

The interviewer will not be able to answer this question during your interview. Your interview is just one part of the application process so be patient with the time it takes for them to come to a final decision. Being prepared with responses to their questions, showing up on time and being appropriately dressed will increase your chances for acceptance.