College Readiness - Preparing for an Admissions Interview

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During the application process, some colleges and universities will want to interview potential students before considering them for admissions. The following is a list of possible questions that an interviewer might ask and also suggests questions that a student may ask of an admissions representative.



Questions an Admissions Representative may ask:

- Tell me about yourself, how would your friends describe you?
- Why do you want to come here?
- What do you think you'd like to major in and why?
- What would you contribute/bring to our school?
- Tell me about some of your extra-curricular activities.
- What courses have you enjoyed the most?
- Where do you see yourself in 10 years? What do you want to accomplish?
- What are your strengths? Challenges?
- Is your academic record an accurate reflection of your abilities?
- · What achievements of yours have been most satisfying?
- How do you manage academic pressure or competition?
- What is the most difficult situation you've had to face?
- What do you do for relaxation / fun?
- Who or what has had a major impact on you?
- What has been a controversial issue at your school? What was your reaction?
- What do you like to read? Favorite authors?



Questions YOU may want to ask:

- Are there opportunities for community service?
- Are students in more rigorous majors able to manage studying abroad?
- How diverse is the population of students here?
- Do the students tend to be more collaborative or competitive?
- Would I have an opportunity to do research with professors?
- How strong is the Greek life here (fraternities/sororities)?
- What is the freshmen orientation program like?
- Is there anything I should know about housing or choosing a dorm?
- Can you speak to the strengths/weaknesses of your advising system?
- Am I assigned an advisor that I stay with throughout my time at college?
- Are all undergraduate courses taught by faculty?
- Are there opportunities for internships?
- Is there a career center and what services do they provide?