



College Interview Prep

Here are some of the most typical college interview questions you should be prepared to answer:

1. **Tell me about yourself** - Passions, hobbies, interests, what others are likely to say about you and what makes you special. The admissions office wants to get to know you personally and understand what it is that you are interested in, what you are likely to contribute on campus but also to understand how you would make use of university resources for your own success.
2. **Why this college?** - Your interests in something specific about the college in terms of its academic offering, teaching style, culture, values, etc..(be specific). Where do your interests, your character, intersect with the offerings, identity and culture of the university?
3. **What do you want to major in?** - What are the subjects that inspire / stimulate you and why? How did you first become interested in these studies? What might you do with these studies? How will studying this subject at university X help you achieve your goals?
4. **Academic strengths / Academic weaknesses** - What have you gained/done through your strengths/What will they allowed you to achieve and how will they will help you in college? Weaknesses: how aware are you of your weaknesses and how well do you confront and address the challenges you face? How do you resolve your problems?
5. **Contributions** - What specifically do you think you might contribute? Which types of projects or clubs can you see yourself involved in? What skills that you possess or experiences you have had lend themselves to contributing on campus? I.E. WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT YOU?

6. **Plans** - What do you think you would like to do after college? Why? How will your intended studies help you to achieve your goals? Why is university X the best place for you to prepare?
7. **Tell me about your current high school** - Success breeds success. What did you enjoy and why? Who stimulated and inspired you? What do you give back? So, if everything wasn't perfect, how would you affect change?
8. **Who do you admire? Who has influenced you?** - Another way of getting to know you. Who do you draw your influence from and why? How will you pass on the lessons you have learned?
9. **What's your favorite book, movie, etc..?** - What are your interests, but what is most important is the "why" not the "what".
10. **Why are you going to college?** - What are your motivations? What are you interested in learning about and why? How will these lessons help you to achieve your goals and to help you with your personal development?
11. **What do you do in your free time?** - You are not a one-dimensional being. What else makes you tick beyond the classroom and your academic pursuits? What are you crazy about? What moves you and inspires you?
12. **What challenges or obstacles have you faced?** - Whether they have been big or small, all of us have faced challenges and have had to solve problems. All of us have learned important lessons, and acquired skills, from these experiences. Have an example in mind that you can comment on.
13. **What makes you unique?** - In other words, why should university X absolutely want you on campus to add to their diversity? What do you bring that others do not? (what do your friends and family always say it is?)