

Sample interview questions

A) General Questions

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. How would you describe yourself?
3. What are you best at?
4. What are your main interests?
5. What are your strengths and your weaknesses?

B) Interest, motivation and commitment to the subject

1. What have you enjoyed most about your current studies?
2. Why have you chosen to study [**degree course**]?
3. What aspect of the course interests you most?
4. What skills do you have that will make you a successful students on [**degree course**]?
5. What do you hope to accomplish by studying [**degree course**]?
6. Can you give an example of a recent 'topical' development in this field of study that you may have seen in the media recently and do you have a view on this?
7. What are you reading at the moment that is of interest?

C) Independent study

1. Can you give an example of when you have studied or learned something by yourself? Why did you study this by yourself? How did studying by yourself affect how you learned?
2. Have you completed a project or some other study by yourself? What was good and bad about this?
3. Have you completed any extra study/ projects? Tell us about this.

D) Working with others

1. We're interested in finding out about your experiences of working alongside others. What do you enjoy most about working with others or being part of a team?
2. Do you belong to any teams, clubs or groups?
If yes, what do you like the most/least about this?
If no, can you give an example of working alongside others?
3. Can you give an example of a time when you have worked with others to complete an activity? What did you like the most/least about this?
4. When you make decision, what importance do you give to the opinions of others?
5. As part of university study, students often attend seminars. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your current work in small groups. What would you hope to gain from such discussions?

E) Ability to manage time effectively

1. Can you tell us something about how you organise your time when you are studying?
2. Can you tell us something about how you organise your time between study and other activities?
3. Can you give us an example of when you had to have something ready for a certain date? How did you organise your time to make sure you met the deadline?

F) Interest in specific university

1. What has attracted you to studying [**degree course**] at The University of?
2. Given that [**degree course**] is offered by lots of different universities, what is it about studying at The University of ... that appeals to you?
3. Given that [**degree course**] is offered by lots of different universities, what is about this course that appeals to you?
4. What contribution do you feel you would make to the student community at the University of ...?