

Foothill College Articulation, Counseling and Transfer Center

Making the Most of the Interview

Interviews are not always a major part of the application process. Although many schools require interviews, just as many (including UC schools), do not. If you are interviewing, knowledge of yourself and the institution will allow you to approach the interview with confidence and provide for a relaxed exchange of information. Be sure to arrange an appointment in advance.

THE SEQUENCE OF AN INTERVIEW

FACTS

Know the institution through its catalogs and other publications.

REASON

Know why you are interested in attending this particular institution.

TIMING

Plan to arrive 30 to 60 minutes before the scheduled interview.

APPEARANCE

Dress appropriately.

READINESS

Anticipate questions that may arise

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS YOU MAY ENCOUNTER

Why have you chosen College X?

What do you expect to gain from a college education?

Why are you interested in your particular academic area?

How would you describe yourself?

How have you prepared yourself for college?

Who is your favorite author and why?

If you could change anything in your school, what would it be?

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO ASK

Be prepared with a few carefully thought out questions.

What can I do to strengthen my application for your institution?

Would you detail the program in my major interest?

How many students are in my preferred major?

What type of facilities are available in my major field?

Is there a possibility of meeting with a member of that department or sitting in on a class?

Do you take into account that some secondary schools are more difficult than others?

What percentage of students remain on campus on weekends?

Tell me more about how I could combine two major interests.

Don't ask questions just to ask questions!