

University Interviews

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Courses that interview

- Courses that lead to a profession
- Courses that have a high demand
- Or both!



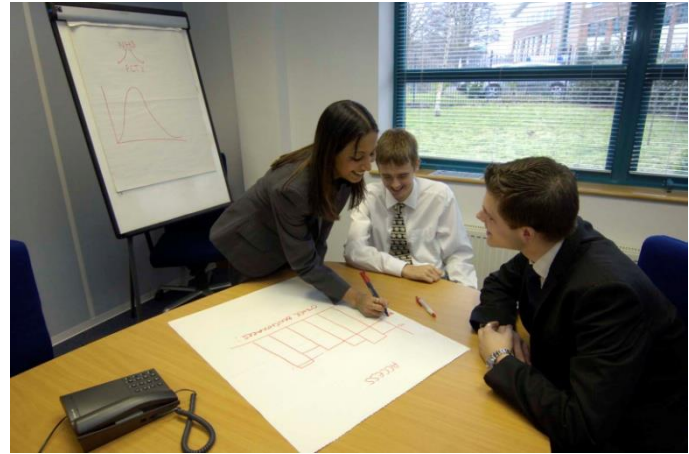
Why are interviews important?



- Extension of your UCAS form, especially your personal statement
- Can determine if an offer is made
- Can determine the level of the offer made
- A lifeline up if exam grades are lower than anticipated

Interview types

- Auditions
- Group exercise
- Panel interview
- One-to-one interview
- Find out which type of interview yours will be
- Don't panic



Before the interview

- Where is it?
- When is it?
- How are you getting there?
 - Car parks, taxi's from train station etc
- Dress code
- Contingency plan
- Take phone numbers



Plan your interview

- Review your personal statement
- Anticipate questions
- Take evidence of work/achievements
- Take portfolio, coursework, record of achievement
- Think of your own questions to ask

Research

- Review the course
- Graduate destinations
- Department
- University
- Current issues/developments within your subject area

During the interview

- Shake hands and make eye contact
- Be confident and smile
- Listen and consider your reply
- Ask questions
- Maintain the rapport
- Try and avoid “yes/no” answers



Common questions



- 'Ice breaker' – questions about you, think in advance!
- FE choices
- HE choices
- Career ambitions
- Interests
- Work experience

After the interview

- Relax
- Review
- Make notes
- If unsuccessful contact the university for feedback



Top tips



- Preparation
- Be yourself
- Enthusiasm
- Interviews are a two - way process
- Don't worry!