

10 MUST KNOW Tips for Acing College Interviews

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- 1. You MUST be cleanly and neatly dressed. It respects the interview process.
- 2. You MUST know the name and position of your interviewer and have read his/her LinkedIn biography or Googled the interviewer.
- 3. You MUST arrive ten minutes before actual interview start time.
 - a. If you will not arrive ten minutes prior to start time, you MUST call, email or text the interviewer to alert him/her that you are running late and provide an ETA.
- 4. You MUST offer a firm handshake and say, "It is nice to meet you," when you greet your interviewer.
- 5. You MUST research and be able to state WHY you want to attend the interviewing school, and it must be a reason that is specific to or unique about that college.
- 6. You MUST be able to provide a summary "about yourself" in about two minutes or walk the interviewer through your resume.
- 7. You MUST be able to speak about three books that you read in the last year.
 - a. Academic/School Related
 - b. Interests or College Major Related
 - c. Pure Pleasure Reading
- 8. You MUST know what is going on in the news locally, nationally and internationally. Try following your preferred news outlets' social media channels or using news aggregators like Feedly, Google News, TheSkimm.com.
- 9. You MUST have 3 questions ready to ask the interviewer about the college, i.e., What did you like about attending XYZ college?
- 10. You MUST write and send a thank you note within 24 hours of the interview.

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