

mock interview:

# GENERAL



## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Tell me a little bit about yourself.
2. What do you consider to be your greatest strength(s)?
3. What are you learning/doing in your academics, involvement, or work currently that will be useful in your career future?
4. Give me an example of when you showed initiative and took the lead.
5. Tell me about a time when you worked on a team.
6. What would be the best example of you showcasing good communication skills?
7. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

## CHECKLIST

### First Impression

- ☐ Appears prepared and confident
- ☐ Speaks positively and clearly
- ☐ Smiles 😊

### Non-Verbal Communication

- ☐ Maintains enthusiasm and confidence
- ☐ Keeps eye contact
- ☐ Uses proper facial expressions

### Verbal Communication

- ☐ Answers questions completely and concisely
- ☐ Uses STAR method to answer the questions
- ☐ Shows professional knowledge and attitude
- ☐ Avoids using filler words (e.g., “um”)
- ☐ Highlights the strengths with examples
- ☐ Explains steps taken to make improvement on weakness

## SELF EVALUATION

1. My three biggest interview strengths are:
2. The three things I would have liked to change:
3. What were the hardest questions? What will my answer for them be next time?

## TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Use **Big Interview** <https://missouri.biginterview.com> to record yourself answering questions and share the link with people who can evaluate you. Watch tutorial videos and learn about ways to best prepare and answer questions.
2. **Research the program** and use this knowledge to answer questions thoroughly and ask the interviewer informed questions at the end of the interview.
3. Dress professionally and make a **confident first impression**: be early, show engaging body language, make good eye contact, and smile.
4. Utilize the **STAR** (Situation Task Action Result) method to answer questions where you are asked to provide examples.
5. **Target your responses** to what the interviewer is looking for and be ready to share your relevant skills and experiences: be specific and tell stories or give examples that are genuine to you.

*next steps:*

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