

ECONOMICS

PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an employment interview for a position in economics. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. How did you first become interested in a career in Economics?
2. Please describe your proficiency with statistical software.
3. Describe a school or work project which required utilizing statistical software to solve a business challenge.
4. On a scale of 1 to 10; how would you rate your analytical skills? How would your co-workers or classmates rate you?
5. Please give me an example of when you drafted a technical report or essay which required communicating complex information in a concise, understandable way.
6. Please give me an example of when you presented technical information in-person successfully?
7. Describe your research skills and any job-related research experience.
8. Quantitative skills are important in all economics specialties; please describe any experience in a job or school setting which demonstrates your skills in this area.
9. Do you prefer to work alone or with a team? Do you think you would be successful working with a team, and why?
10. How do you stay current on economic markets and financial information?