

JOURNALISM

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 print or broadcast journalism. 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) and study abroad experiences, in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. Why do you want to be a journalist?
2. What personal qualities do you have that will make you a successful journalist?
3. Who is your favorite journalist and why?
4. What books/newspapers/magazines do you read?
5. Tell me about a time that you were under a great deal of stress/pressure and how you handled that situation?
6. How has your education and previous work/internship experience prepared you for a career in journalism?
7. What are your three greatest weaknesses/areas of growth as a journalist?
8. Why are you interested in working for our company? What do you know about our organization?
9. How do you manage your time in a project when the project has a tight deadline? Please give me an example of a time that demonstrates your point.
10. Why should we hire you?