



Common Interview Questions and Suggested Answers

Please tell us something about yourself.

Talk about your basic identity, life experiences, the skills you learned, your passion, interests and how it relates to the position

Talking about yourself is setting stage for the rest of your interview; giving cues to the interviewer to extract further questions from it. You can be as creative as possible and highlight your best traits. Make sure you keep it precise, catchy, relevant and interesting for the interviewer.

What do you know about our organization and its products/services?

Do your research about the company, the industry and competitors. Knowing the latest trends will boost your confidence and give you relevant information to talk about in the interview. Being unaware of the company and its latest products/services will definitely portray you as a non-interested candidate.

Why have you applied for this position? What skills do you have that make you think you are a right fit for this job?

Mention your skills that are relevant for the position and support them with experiences from different projects, internships, volunteer work or even university assignments.

In your opinion, what is the benefit of a Liberal Arts & Science program? What skills have you developed after studying a Liberal Arts & Science degree that other Undergraduates in Pakistan do not have?

Talk about the entirety of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Habib University. Talk about the cultural context and wholesome curriculum that covers the past, present and future grounding of different subjects. Liberal Core is an interdisciplinary educational model that studies the past and prepares the students for future simultaneously.

You should also mention some of the ten courses based on seven “Forms of Thought”. Talk about how a certain course inspired you or gave you a different perspective.

What technical skills did you learn through the degree program you are studying at HU? How has it prepared you for your career?

Mention the technical skills you learned as part of the degree program like: Python or C, C+ as part of Computer Sciences Program; Editing on Adobe Illustrator as part of Communication Design Program etc.

What was the topic of your Final Year project (FYP)? What was the motivation/passion/background behind selecting that topic?

Talk about your research variables, fieldwork, tools and creative discoveries of your final year project. Make sure you talk about elements that are relevant with the job description.

Describe a difficult work situation or project and how you overcame it.

Have a STAR situation ready and practice this answer before any interview; Situation; Task; Action; Result.

Talk about what actions you took and how your efforts brought forward a positive result. Interviewers are looking for solution-oriented team worker and hence you should highlight such skills more.

Can you give us an example of a conflict you may have faced in the past? How did you resolve it?

Practice this answer beforehand as it is one of the most common question asked during interviews. This question also requires you to be ready with a STAR situation in mind (like mentioned above).

What do you think is your greatest strength? What is your greatest weakness?

Highlight your strengths which are most relevant for the position. Do not brag stories about your qualities; talk about your soft skills like: excellent communication skills, team work and negotiation skills, public speaking, research skills etc.

When talking about your weaknesses always portray a weakness which can be a strength for the company. Do not say that you are a perfect human and do not have any weakness; also do not just blab out your actual weaknesses to the interviewer. Maintain a balance and talk about things like: “I am very detail oriented which makes me very stressed out” etc.

Where do you see yourself in 3 years?

Talk about your plans which relate to the company’s goals and ambitions.

What are your salary expectations?

Always be humble while demanding a certain salary amount. Do you research beforehand so that you can ask relevant amount which is neither too low nor too high from what the company can afford to give you.

Do you have any questions for us?

Always ask a question at the end of the interview; it shows that you are interested in the company and gives you a good chance to get extra information. An example would be, “What would a normal day look like at your company? What should I be expecting?”