

Student interview checklist

Campus placements usually start with an online aptitude or coding test, then a group discussion in some companies, followed by one or two technical or domain interviews and a short HR round; internships often skip straight to one interview.

10 QUESTIONS TO PRACTISE OUT LOUD

1. Walk me through your best academic or personal project.

What it checks: Whether you really built what is on your resume, understand the decisions made and can explain your own contribution clearly.

2. Tell me about a time a teammate in a college project did not do their share.

What it checks: Whether you handle free-riding with a direct conversation and a practical fix instead of complaining or silently doing all the work.

3. Are you comfortable signing a service bond or agreement?

What it checks: Whether you understand what a bond means, have thought about commitment and can ask sensible questions about its terms.

4. What was your exact role in your group project?

What it checks: Whether you can separate your own work from the team's, which shows honesty and self-awareness.

5. Tell me about a time you failed at something and what you did next.

What it checks: Whether you can talk about a real failure without blaming others, and show what you changed afterwards.

6. Are you willing to relocate or work in any location or shift?

What it checks: Whether you are flexible about location and timings, which campus recruiters often need for batch postings.

7. What did you learn in your internship, and what did you actually deliver?

What it checks: Whether your internship involved real work, and whether you can describe outcomes and learning rather than just the company name.

8. Describe a situation where you had to lead a group of students.

What it checks: Whether you have any leadership experience, and how you plan, delegate and handle problems in a team.

9. Do you have any plans for higher studies, and do you have other offers?

What it checks: Whether you will actually join and stay, and whether you answer honestly about MBA plans or competing offers.

10. Which subject in your course did you like the most, and can you explain a core concept from it?

What it checks: Whether your academic knowledge is real and you can explain a concept simply, which shows genuine understanding.

TIPS FOR THIS INTERVIEW

- For every project on your resume, prepare a two-minute explanation covering the problem, your exact role, tools used, one challenge and the result.

- Revise your two or three core subjects from the syllabus, because interviewers pick a concept and ask you to explain it simply.
- Practise aptitude and, for technical roles, basic coding every day for a few weeks before placement season, timing yourself on each set.
- Keep marks, internship certificates and project links organised in one folder, and make sure every link on your resume opens correctly.

THE DAY BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm the time, venue or video link and the interviewer's name
- ☐ Plan your route and leave time for traffic, or test your camera, microphone and internet
- ☐ Keep copies of your resume, ID proof, certificates and photographs in a folder
- ☐ Iron your clothes and charge your phone and laptop
- ☐ Do one final run-through of your introduction, then stop and rest

ON THE DAY

- ☐ Arrive 15 minutes early, or log in 5–10 minutes early for a video call
- ☐ Greet everyone politely, including the receptionist or coordinator
- ☐ Listen to the full question, pause, then answer in a clear structure
- ☐ Take brief notes of names and key points
- ☐ Ask your prepared questions and confirm the next steps before you leave