

The interview, decoded from real client reports



AT A GLANCE **Casual, varied, question-led**

WHO INTERVIEWS

A current student, recently

FORMAT

Video assessment plus an optional virtual interview

LENGTH

20 to 30 minutes

WATCH FOR

Behavioral prompts, so bring stories

What to expect

The McCombs process now has two parts: a recorded video assessment every applicant completes after submitting, and an optional 20 to 30 minute virtual interview that any applicant can schedule. Live conversations are warm and coffee-chat casual, and recent ones were driven largely by the applicant's questions.

Questions to prepare

1. Tell me about yourself, or walk me through your resume.
2. What are your short-term and long-term goals, and what is your backup plan?
3. Why an MBA, why now, and why McCombs?
4. What questions do you have about McCombs, life in Austin, or anything else?
5. Tell me about working with people from diverse backgrounds.
6. Which other schools did you apply to, and is McCombs your top choice?
7. Tell me about a time you handled a team conflict.
8. What clubs, initiatives or resources at McCombs interest you?
9. Tell me about a time you used data, with specific details.
10. What is your proudest achievement outside of work?

CURVEBALL

Very little prep time

The recorded video assessment gives behavioral prompts with very little prep time and no interviewer. Outline in your head and speak; notes are a trap.

PREP TIPS

Bring the questions

In the optional student interview, the session is your chance to ask. Arrive with several thoughtful questions. The school describes it as behavioral, so bring two or three stories as well. Pick an interviewer from the roster whose clubs and industry match yours.

FROM INTERVIEW HERO

Questions that start a conversation

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