

Interviews for Biological Sciences

General questions

Tell us about your A-levels.

Why did you choose to apply here?

What do you hope to do during your year out?

Besides your course, how do you spend your time?

Tell us about the field trips you have been on.

Course/subject specific questions

- 1 Tell us about the part of your Biology course which has interested you most so far.
- 2 How would you explain [an aspect of that topic] to us?
- 3 In your course you have done an individual project: How did you choose what you were going to do? Talk us through the main stages of the project, and how you chose the experimental methods you used. On reflection, what parts of your methodology would you now change?
- 4 Here are some graphs relating cattle feed content regulations through time, notified deaths from BSE region by region through time, and beef prices through time. What conclusions might you draw? What questions might you start to ask?
- 5 How would you justify [or seek to condemn] the use of animals in medical research?
- 6 Tell us about your field courses in Describe a particular experiment/series of observations which you made. How would you explain those observations?
- 7 A patient has been given a course of drugs to treat a viral complaint: why are they told to complete the course, even if they feel much better having taken half the course?
- 8 What do you see yourself doing after this course?

Questions you might ask

Does the course involve the dissection of animals?

Are there any work placements? What do they involve?

What have previous graduates from this course gone on to do?

How far is the practical work integrated with the theory?

Items you might take along or be asked to take along

Portfolio of practical work
Fieldwork notebooks

Work Experience Reports