

Interviews for History

General questions

- Tell us about your A-levels.
- What sort of results do you expect?
- What other offers have you received?
- 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 courses you have been on.

Course/subject specific questions

- 1 What are the special periods/themes which you have studied in your present course?
- 2 What have you found particularly interesting/puzzling in that special study?
- 3 Tell us about one or two people in that period whom you found particularly [un]attractive. Which books about that theme/period have you used? How different are their views on a particular issue?
- 4 How can you justify the study of history?
- 5 Do you get the impression that political history is seen as a more rigorous and worthwhile discipline than economic and social history?
- 6 We see you have to do an individual project as part of your course: What have you chosen to do? Why choose that? What has been your methodology in conducting that project? How difficult has it been to get good source material?
- 7 Tell us about the history of your family/school/town/village/locality? How does that history reflect national movements/trends?
- 8 Why has the monarchy survived in this country?

Questions you might ask

- What is your attitude to students having a year out before taking this course?
- What have previous graduates from this course gone on to do?
- Is there a specialism within the department?