Pre-Mock Interview Questionnaire

Master’s in Education or a Similar Subject

Type in the shaded boxes. Save your completed PDF before returning it to your WSA counsellor.

Full name	
University	
Full course title	
Course start date	
Interview date, if known	
Interview time and time zone, if known	
Interview purpose	

Purpose of the interview

The university will explore your motivation, relevant experience, understanding of education and readiness for postgraduate study. Confirm the purpose with your counsellor from the invitation. If credibility or scholarship assessment is also included, use PMIQ 08 or 06 alongside this course questionnaire.

How to prepare

Before your mock, use the podcasts below. Review your invitation, official course information, CV and submitted personal statement. Write short notes in your own words and record the sources you use. Practise answering unexpected follow up questions without reading. Listen carefully, answer the question directly and ask for clarification if needed. Use a clear point and a genuine example, then stop. Look towards the camera naturally and communicate respectfully. These are practice questions; actual questions may differ.

Interview questions

01. Tell us briefly about your education and relevant experience. Explain your own responsibilities and how they have prepared you for postgraduate study.

02. Why this course, and why now? Describe an experience that influenced your decision and the specific knowledge or skills you need to develop.

03. Why did you choose this university and course? Give one specific strength of the department and one feature of the course, such as a module or an opportunity to apply what you learn. Explain how these support your goals and name the university sources you used.

04. What is the course structure? Explain two modules that interest you, what you expect to learn, how they are assessed and how you would apply the learning. Check the official course information.

05. What makes teaching and learning effective? Give a specific example and explain why the approach helped learners.

06. Describe an experience of teaching, supporting learners or helping others learn. What did you do, what happened and what would you do differently?

07. How would you support learners with different needs, abilities or backgrounds? Give an example and explain how you would check whether your support was effective.

08. What educational issue interests you? Explain its effect on learners and one possible response, including a limitation or challenge.

09. What manageable topic might you research during your Master's? State a possible question, the evidence you would need and an ethical issue to consider.

10. How will you manage reading, research, written assignments and competing deadlines? Give a realistic plan, identify a skill to develop and explain when you would seek help.

11. What role do you intend to pursue after the course? Explain its responsibilities, likely employers or sector and your next steps. Link two course skills to that work. If planning a consultancy or organisation, explain how you would begin.

12. What are your tuition fees and confirmed discounts? Explain who will fund the balance and living costs, the evidence available and the accommodation you have researched. Distinguish confirmed arrangements from estimates.

13. What two questions would you like to ask about teaching, assessment, research or student support?

14. Where is your university ranked, if listed? Give the source and year. You may also mention a relevant subject or course ranking. Explain one limitation and how the ranking informed your choice alongside course fit.

15. Which universities in your home country did you genuinely consider for comparable study? Name the institutions and programmes, explain the similarities and differences, and why your chosen university better meets your academic or career objectives.

16. How would you manage your physical health, mental wellbeing and study workload while studying? Describe practical habits, sources of support and what you would do if you needed help. You do not need to disclose private medical information.

17. Will educational travel and international student mobility increase or decrease in future? Give two reasons and explain how this could affect teaching or learning.

18. How might your educational plans change if a new challenge or unexpected question arose? Explain how you would evaluate information and respond calmly.

Ranking references (check the latest edition and whether your institution is listed):
QS World University Rankings: https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings
Times Higher Education World University Rankings:
https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings

Use genuine examples from study, work or volunteering. Distinguish your contribution from the team's. In the mock, expect follow up questions such as "Why?", "Give an example" and "Explain that more simply". Tell your counsellor about any discrepancy in your documents before the interview.

Podcasts to use before your mock interview

Open each link in the WSA Student Support Library. Listen to the podcast and read or download its summary before completing this questionnaire. Make a note of anything you would like to discuss with your counsellor.

WSA 026 UK University Credibility Interview

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/uk-university-credibility-interview

Use the general advice on clear answers alongside your course interview instructions. This podcast does not replace preparation for education subject questions.

WSA 010 Personal Statement Guide

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/personal-statement-guide

Review the reasons, experience and career plans in your submitted statement so you can explain them in your own words.

WSA 002 Cost of Studying Abroad

https://www.worldstudentadvisors.com/student-support-library/cost-of-studying-abroad

Prepare your tuition fee and living cost figures and explain how they will be funded.

After listening, check that you can explain your course choice, relevant experience, career plans and practical arrangements without reading a script.