

Questions for Interviews:

Background:

- When & where were you born?
- Did you grow up at this location?
- Where have you lived? What section?
- What was the most common group in the area?
- What year are you?
- What is your major?

Immigrant History

- How far back can you trace your ancestors?
- Do you know if your parents, grand-parents, great-grandparents, etc. were the ones to migrate to the US?
- Where did they come from?
- Did they come with families or did they begin family in the US?

Family

- What was a typical weekend like growing up?
- Were you or your family members involved in the community?
- What kind of things?
- What are your parents' occupations?
- What was the highest educational attainment of your parents?
- What role did your parents play in your education?
- How supportive were they about you going away to college?

Language

- What language do your parents speak at home?
- Do you speak Spanish?
- Did you grow up speaking Spanish?
- When did you learn it?
- Has it ever been an issue?

Education

- In general, how was your educational experience from K-12?
- What schools did you attend? Where located?
- Did the schools offer bi-lingual education?
- Where you a part of it?
- Compare you junior high to high school involvement?
- What kind of activities or organizations were you a part of?

Friendships

- Your friends growing up, what background were they?

University Experience:

- You said you were living __, how did you get here? Why UIUC?
- How was it when you arrived?
- Did you find people like you?
- Did you get along with your roommate? Why, why not?
- Where have you lived and with who?
- What is your major?
- Why did you go into that major?

Involvement

- Give me the initials of five of your closest friends.
- Tell me briefly how you met.
- What ethnicity are they?
- Do you feel more comfortable around some groups than others?
- Do you think ethnicity has an influence around preferences?

Organizations

- What organizations or activities are you a part of?
- Would you consider joining a culturally based organization? Why?
- Do you have friends in culturally based organizations?
- Have you ever attended an event hosted by a culturally based organization? What kind?

Cultural Houses

- What do you think of when I say 'La Casa'?
- Have you ever attended the Latino cultural house?
- Why or why not? For what?
- How did you feel being there?
- Would you consider working for a culturally-based office, department, or house?
- Why or why not?
- Do you have friends who work for cultural houses?

Latino Studies

- Have you taken a Latino studies class?
- Why or why not?
- What do you know about the Office of Minority Student Affairs?
- How do you know this information?
- Have you ever used any of their services?
- What is their purpose on campus?

Ethnic identification

- Have you ever been treated differently?
- Explain, what did you do?
- What ethnicity do you consider yourself? Why?
- How much do you know about your ethnicity?
- What is your opinion of the terminology: Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino?
- Do you think there are subgroups under ethnic groups?
- Why or why not?
- Is it a benefit or disadvantage to be a part of subgroup?
- What are some of the problems you see in the university?
- What are some of the problems facing the Latino community as a nation?
- What makes a Latino?