

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interview with Abel Montoya, the Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions

1. What were the admissions requirements the first year of the University of Illinois? What are they now?
2. Does the admissions office have to admit a certain percentage of males/females, disabilities, racial ethnicity?
3. What's the most important quality that you look for in an applicant?
4. Can you explain how an application is processed from the time the student mails it to the time they get a letter back with a rejection or acceptance?
5. Why has the requirements changed over the years?
6. What are the new requirements for students applying now? In the last 20 years?
7. What's the ideal personal statement contain? How important is it compared to scores?
8. What your policy regarding the applications of alumni's children?
9. What kind of applicants get special admission treatment? Do athletes?
10. Why are you changing requirements and making them stricter for incoming freshmen?
11. Do you have any references that you could give us to help us research more information?
12. What is the current student population made up on regarding residential and non-residential (out of state and foreign)?
13. What is the ratio of male to female in the entire university currently? In LAS college?
14. Is racial ethnicity a factor when admitting students? When did it become a factor?

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Interview with Mathew Mathis, an Incoming LAS Biochem Freshmen of 2006

1. Have you applied and been accepted to the University of Illinois?
2. Was the University of Illinois one of your first choices?
3. What college at Illinois did you apply to and what is your intended major?
4. When, approximately, did you send in the application? Was this due to your parents pushing you to send it in early, or did you make the decision?
5. Did you get any advice on the application or personal statement? If so, what was it?
6. Did you feel that the requirements were high for the University?
7. What did you think was the most important aspect of your application?