

## Sample Networking/Informational Interview Questions

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- I have so many interests. How does one with a liberal arts education and diverse interests plan a career? What positions are good entry-level opportunities?
- How will a liberal arts degree be an advantage in the world of work?
- What are the benefits of a liberal arts degree in the short-term and long-term regarding career choices and advancement?
- How does one market a liberal arts degree to employers?
- How did this type of work interest you and how did you get started?
- How did you get your first job? What jobs and experiences have led you to your present position?
- Can you suggest some ways a student could obtain necessary experience?
- If you could do things all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? Why? What would you change?
- How has your job affected your lifestyle?
- Would you recommend that I pursue a graduate degree?
- Does your work relate to any experiences or studies you had in college?
- How well did your college experience prepare you for your career?
- What courses and experiences have proven to be the most valuable to you in your work? What would you recommend for me?
- How important are grades/GPA for obtaining a job in this field?
- How do you think my university's reputation is viewed when it comes to hiring?
- How do you think graduation from a liberal arts university is viewed when it comes to hiring?
- How did you prepare for this work? If you were entering this career today, would you change your preparation in any way to facilitate entry?
- What abilities or personal qualities do you believe contribute most to success in this field/job?
- What are the typical entry-level job titles and functions? What entry level jobs are best for learning as much as possible?
- Do you have any advice for someone interested in this field/job? Are there any written materials you suggest I read? Which professional journals and organizations would help me learn more about this field?
- What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage for anybody pursuing a career in this field?
- What special advice do you have for a student seeking to qualify for this position?
- What particular skills or talents are most essential to be effective in your job? How did you learn these skills? Did you enter this position through a formal training program? How can I evaluate whether or not I have the necessary skills for a position such as yours?
- Do you have any special words of encouragement or warnings as a result of your experiences?
- These are my strongest assets (skills, areas of knowledge, personality traits and values):\_\_\_\_\_. Where would they fit in this field? Where would they be helpful in an organization? Where might they fit in other fields? Where might they be helpful in other organizations?
- How would you assess the experience I've had so far in terms of entering this field?
- Do you have any other networking advice for me?