

2008 Career Mentoring Workshop
Interview Questions

Departmental Questions

- Undergrad seminar
- What are students like
- Number of math majors, number of women
- What do students do after graduation
- Service expectations
- Math Club
- Social activities
- Tenure records/history
- Is there mentoring of junior faculty
- Senior theses

Teaching

- Teaching load, number of preps
- Class size
- Technology in classroom/labs/etc
- Typical courses for first year
- Calc class for majors? Engineers? Science?
- How much interaction, no. of office hours, advising
- Learning center, resources for students
- TA/grader
- Choose own text, write own syllabus
- Team teaching
- Organize materials with profs of other sections
- Options for designing own course
- Indep study opportunities
- Interdisciplinary courses
- Office hours—open door, specific courses
- Freshmen seminars
- Writing first year courses

Research

- Expectations
- Travel support for conferences, visit collaborators
- Seminars in area
- Internal funding for summer support
- Software/lab materials
- Culture of dept—who is active

- Interdisciplinary research
- Jr. sabbatical
- Collaboration with others in dept
- Subscription to journals
- Research with students
- Availability of computers/printers
- Funding for particulars to my field
- How often faculty go to meetings

Deans/Presidents

- Tell me about typical student
- Size of faculty, where they come from
- What students do
- Status of university/college
- Mission/goals of university
- Relationship with community
- Biggest issues on campus
- Tenure/review—annually? Third year?
- Benefits
- Demographics of students/faculty
- Funding
- How active are alums
- Is student body changing/growing
- Where does math dept fit into university

Life

- Affordable housing
- What's town/schools like
- Cultural organizations
- Childcare/maternity policy/tuition assistance
- School districts
- Airports/trains to get away
- Local transport
- Where are you in the search
- Gym
- Health insurance, retirement
- Young professionals in area
- Where do faculty live