

Northwestern Career Advancement

Interviewing Handout

Now that you've learned a strategy for interviewing, it's time to practice answering sample interview questions. Typically, **behavioral interview questions** are an excellent time to showcase your study abroad experiences and skills. In addition, some interviewers may ask you **specific questions about study abroad**.

Directions: Please select at least one question from each category, and brainstorm how you would answer that question. For the behavioral question(s), you will break down your answering using the STAR method.

Sample behavioral questions:

- Give an example of a problem you solved, and the process you used to arrive at the situation.
- Give an example of a situation in which you failed, and how you handled it.
- Tell me about a team project you are particularly proud of, and what your contribution was to the project.
- Tell me about a time when you had to persuade another person to your point of view.

Situation:

Task:

Action:

Result:

Sample questions specific to study abroad:

- Why did you choose to study abroad?
- How and why did you choose your program location?
- What skills did you learn abroad, and how will they be helpful to you in the future?
- Tell me about a challenging situation while abroad, and talk about you how handled it?

Answer: