Berkeley SCHOOL OF INFORMATION

INTERVIEWING: Tell me about yourself!

Use this simple worksheet to prep for the "tell me about yourself" question. This might also sound like "Tell me about your experience" or "Walk me through your resume" or other variations. Aim for about 2 minutes, and make sure to include the "why" behind what you do.

PART	DETAILS	EXAMPLE	YOUR TURN!
Beginning	Starting with your current position as a masters student works.	"I'm in my final semesters of a master's program. I'm studying data science at the UC Berkeley School of Information."	
Story *Optional!*	Include a person story that shares a moment when you realized this was the right path, or how this is an interest from childhood.	"Before coming to Cal, I worked as a software engineer for 3 years. While coding a database to house our customer purchase data, I had a moment where I really saw the power that well-constructed data sets can have. We ended up using the data to figure out a new product feature that became a huge success. I realized that I wanted to use my engineering skills to focus on data analysis."	
Passion	I'm passionate about / good at / have experience in	"I came to Cal because I am passionate about organizing massive data sets to solve impactful problems."	
Experience	What experience do you have (in grad school or before)	"Focusing on data science, I've really honed my skills in XYZ. Before grad school, I was a back-end engineer at ABC Company, where I learned so much about developing complex databases."	
Conclusion	End with why this is now the perfect opportunity! Ideally, mention why the company and the role are both interesting.	"I'm particularly excited to work at Acme Organization because of your mission to use data to influence health policy, and this role of Senior Data Analyst is a perfect match for my engineering and data science skills."	