

Questions to ask on a College Visit

When you complete your college visit you want to have the information you need to determine if this college meets the criteria of the college that is right for you. Be organized and talk to a variety of people. Make sure you leave the school with contact information for your college admissions representative. In addition to asking questions pick up a copy of the school newspaper. Speak to a professor in your college of interest. Meet a coach if you are interested in a sport or meet the head of an activity/interest that you want to pursue in college.

1. What are your application deadlines? Admission Requirements? Average ACT/SAT scores?
2. Do you require test scores to be sent directly to you or can they be shown on a transcript?
3. Do you require SATII exams and if so, how many and which ones?
4. Do you accept AP / IB / Dual Enrollment classes for credit? What scores are needed for credit?
5. Is there an Honors Program for talented students? How do I qualify?
6. What is the yearly cost of attendance including books, tuition, fees, housing and meal plans? What is the all-inclusive cost?
7. How do I apply for scholarships and financial aid? If I demonstrate need, will the school be able to prepare a financial aid package that will meet 100% of the demonstrated need?
8. What types of payment plans exist for paying my part of the bill?
9. How easy is it to find a job on campus? Are work-study programs available?
10. What courses are included in a typical freshman program?
11. What are the largest classes I can expect as a freshman? Who teaches the freshman classes?
12. When do I have to declare a major? What is the most popular major?
13. How do I meet with an advisor and how is that system organized?
14. How many students return after the freshman year?
15. Do students typically graduate in 4 years?
16. How accessible are members of the faculty and administration?
17. Where do most students study?
18. What tutoring, counseling, and support services are available on campus and how are they accessed?
19. What types of meal plans are available? What hours can students access food services?
20. Do freshmen have to live in a dorm on campus? Are some dorms better than others? Can I live off campus? How much does housing cost?
21. How are roommates assigned and how many are assigned to a room?
22. Do students go home on weekends? What happens here on weekends?
23. What method of transportation is used to get around campus?
24. Can freshmen have a car on campus?
25. Do you have a health facility on campus?
26. Is there a place of worship near by that matches my religious preference?
27. What special interest groups are on campus?
28. Does your school offer opportunities to study abroad?
29. What percentage of students belongs to a fraternity or sorority?
30. What are the most popular extracurricular activities?
31. What intramural sports are on campus? Do have recreational facilities?
32. Where is the central gathering place for students?
33. Does the school help graduates find jobs?

