

Tough Questions to Ask on Your College Visit

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About Academics

1. What academic elements are considered in the admissions process, for example: courses, grades, test scores, rank, interests, institutional needs, essays, recommendations, and interviews? How important are each of these factors?
2. Is the college/university accredited?
3. How many students return after their freshman year?
4. What percentage of students graduate in four years or less?
5. Which academic programs on campus are the most popular?
6. Does this college offer the major that interests you?
7. How easy is it to change majors?
8. Will your AP/previous college credits transfer?
9. What are the largest classes you could have as a freshman or sophomore? How many large classes can you expect?
10. Who teaches the freshman classes? Teaching Assistants? Graduate Assistants? Will you get enough contact with and/or attention from them?
11. How easy is it to get the courses you want at the times that are convenient for

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About Student Life and Social/Recreational Opportunities

1. What percentage of the students are male/female
2. How diverse is the campus?
3. What percentage of students are commuters?
4. What portion of the student body lives on campus? What portion of the student body remains on campus for the weekends?
5. What activities do students participate in during their free time both on campus (school sponsored) and in the community?
6. Does the campus have a Greek system of fraternities and sororities? If so, what percent of the student body participates in Greek life? Are parties open? How do students who elect not to participate in the Greek system fit in?
7. What are the most popular extracurricular activities?
8. What student organizations are active on campus?
9. What intramural sports are on campus?
10. Where is the central gathering place for students?
11. What transportation options are available to and from campus, both for trips just outside campus and for treks to transportation centers for trips home?
12. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee for having a car on campus?
13. Is it easy to get around campus? Can you walk to and from classes?
14. Are there parent or sibling events so your family can be a part of your college experience?

About Auxiliary Services

1. Where do students go if they have a medical emergency?
2. What tutoring, counseling, and support services are available on campus and how are they accessed?
3. What computer access will you have? Do you need to bring your own computer? Are the dorms wired for Internet/e-mail services?
4. What is the quality of the library and research facilities?
5. What laundry facilities are available and how accessible are they?
6. What recreational facilities does the campus offer?

7. What are the safety issues on campus? How are they addressed? Ask for a crime report. Federal law requires schools to provide safety information to students.