

Campus Visit Questions

Want to find the right fit for college? Visit the colleges that interest you, and ask LOTS of questions while you're there.

Ask the admissions representative:

1. What are admission requirements and deadlines?
2. What is the cost of tuition, fees, room & board, and books?
3. What are housing options? Will I be required to live on campus? Is there a wait list? Are meal plans required?
4. What is the average class size? Are classes taught by professors or graduate assistants?
5. I don't know what I plan to study yet; how easy is it to change majors?
6. What are "general education" requirements?
7. How easy is it to transfer credits from a community college?
8. Is there an honors program and how do you qualify?
9. Is there a campus career center? Are internships available? Job placement services?
10. Are there study-abroad opportunities?
11. What percentage of students return after their freshman year?
12. What percentage of students graduate and what is the average length of study?
13. How diverse is the student population?
14. What percentage of students are commuters?
15. What is the student vs. faculty ratio?
16. What kind of tutoring/support systems does the college have?

Note: If you have a disability, ask to meet with the school's disability services coordinator.

Questions about student safety:

1. Is there an on-campus health clinic? (Tip: Ask your insurance provider if the campus clinic is "in-network.")
2. Where do you refer students who have a serious medical issue?
3. How safe is the campus, and what security systems are in place?

Ask your student tour guide or a current student:

Student life:

1. Why did you select this school?
2. Are the professors accessible?
3. How easy or hard was it to get the classes you wanted?
4. How many hours a day or week do you study?
5. What kind of tutoring/support systems does the college have?

Ask the financial aid counselor:

1. What applications are required for scholarships and financial aid, and what are the deadlines?
2. Are academic and departmental scholarships available?
3. Will scholarships from other donors affect the amount of aid I receive from the college?
4. What types of payment plans does the college offer?
5. Can I get a refund if I have to drop a class or drop out suddenly?

Campus life:

1. What is the Greek system like?
2. Where have you lived on campus?
3. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee for parking on campus?
4. How easy is it to get around on campus? Can I walk anywhere I want to go? Is there a free campus shuttle?
5. What do students do on weekends? What did you do last weekend?
6. What are the big campus traditions? Do a lot of students go to athletic events?
7. What kinds of activities, intramural sports or clubs are popular on campus?
8. Is there a campus recreation center for students?
9. How is the food in the dining halls? What are the hours?

Life off campus:

1. How easy is it to get to places if you don't have a car? Are bikes a good option?
2. Is there a grocery store nearby?

Ask YOURSELF after your campus visit:

1. Was the campus a good size for me?
2. How were the residence halls? Too loud or too quiet? How large were the rooms? Was I comfortable with the level of security?
3. Is there enough to do on and off campus?

Additional questions for a visit to a community college:

1. Will I be required to take placement exams? If so, what are they?
2. What is the two-year graduation rate?
3. Tell me about your academic transfer program.
4. Do you have student housing? Is there a wait list?