

College Visits – Questions to ask



General Information

- How many students at this school?
- What is your smallest class size? The largest?
- Do graduate students teach undergraduates?
- What percentage of tenured faculty members teach freshmen courses?
- Do faculty maintain office hours? How easy is it to see a professor for help?
- What academic support services are available? (Writing, language or learning labs?)
- Are certain classes hard to get into? What percentage of students graduate in 4 years? 5 years?
- What percent of students go on to graduate school? What percent of students have jobs within 6 months of graduation? Is there a career center and what services does it offer?

Student Life

- What percent of your students are housed on campus? Live off campus? At home?
- Are your dorms co-ed? By floor? By wing? Are the bathrooms also co-ed?
- How are roommates chosen? Can I room with a friend?
- Do students tend to stay on campus during the weekends? What is there to do on campus on weekends?
- Is there public transportation in the area? Is it possible to get by without a car?
- Are there fraternities/sororities? What percent of students participate in Greek life?
- Are your favorite extracurricular activities offered on campus? Is it easy to participate?
- Where are the cafeterias located?
- How is the cafeteria food?
- How many meals a week are included in the meal plans? What about eating between meals?
- Are special diets available, such as vegetarian, vegan, or kosher diets?

Financial Aid

- Will applying for financial aid affect the admissions decision? Wait list decisions?
- What is the total estimated cost for next year including tuition, room, board, fees, books and travel?
- What are the financial aid application procedures and deadlines? What forms must be filed?
- How do the financial aid procedures differ with early decision applications?
- What scholarships are available?
- Are there installment plans or other financing options?

Other questions

- What differentiates your school from similar schools?
- What personal qualities do students here tend to have?
- What are the key issues on campus?
- What steps is the school taking to make the campus safe?
- If you could change something about this school, what would you change?