

The Role of Visiting Colleges



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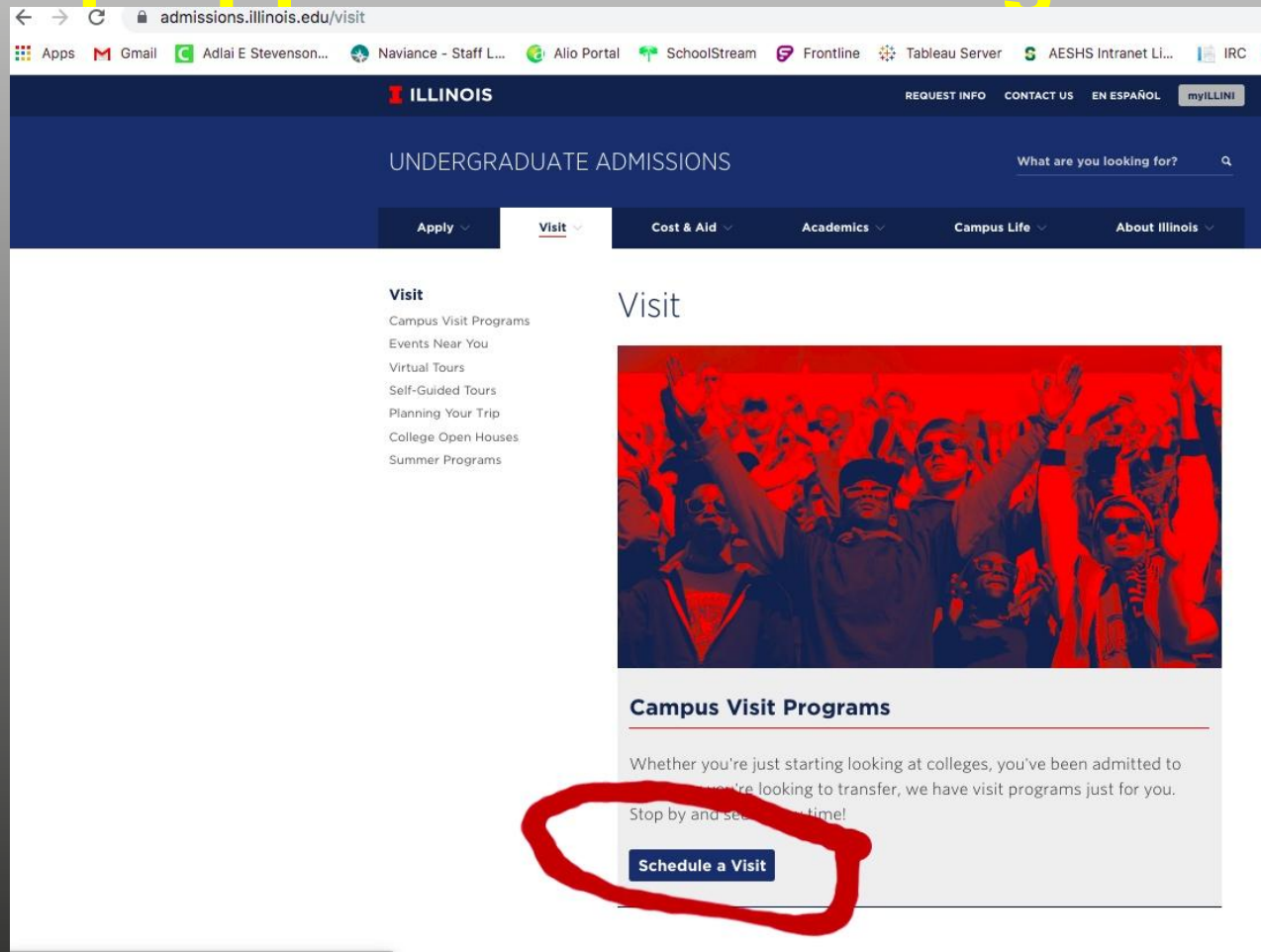


Why should you do a college visit?

- ❑ See the school in person not just pictures!
- ❑ You are able to meet school representatives
- ❑ Ask your questions directly
- ❑ Meet other students
- ❑ Get a feel for the campus and its resources
- ❑ Sense for the culture and community
- ❑ Learn about facilities and updates
- ❑ Get help with applying, scholarships, financial aid
- ❑ Possible benefits like early applying or discounts

How do you set up a visit?

- ❑ Reach out to the school
 - ❑ Call or Email the Admissions office
 - ❑ Set up appointment through website



The screenshot shows the Illinois Admissions website at admissions.illinois.edu/visit. The page is titled "UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS" and features a navigation menu with options like "Apply", "Visit", "Cost & Aid", "Academics", "Campus Life", and "About Illinois". The "Visit" section is active, displaying a list of links on the left: "Visit", "Campus Visit Programs", "Events Near You", "Virtual Tours", "Self-Guided Tours", "Planning Your Trip", "College Open Houses", and "Summer Programs". The main content area features a large image of a diverse group of students with their arms raised, overlaid with a red and blue color scheme. Below the image, the heading "Campus Visit Programs" is followed by a paragraph: "Whether you're just starting looking at colleges, you've been admitted to college, or you're looking to transfer, we have visit programs just for you. Stop by and see us any time!". A blue button labeled "Schedule a Visit" is prominently displayed at the bottom of this section and is circled in red.



How do you set up a visit?

admissions.illinois.edu/Visit/Campus-Visits/programs

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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS What are you looking for?

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Campus Visit Programs

The best way to know if a school is for you is simply by being there. Visit and find out for yourself what it's like to be an Illini.

Prospective Freshman Visits

These visits are for high school students who are interested in Illinois and haven't been admitted yet.

Daily Visits

Held most weekdays and select Saturdays, these visits are around 2 1/2 hours in length and include an overview of Illinois, a student panel, and a campus tour. College meetings are often available upon request if you're visiting on a weekday.

Register

Orange & Blue Days

These are larger, day-long open houses held each spring and fall. In addition to an overview of Illinois and a student panel, they also include presentations by Housing and Financial Aid, campus tours, college sessions, and a variety of optional activities.

Register

Admitted Freshman Visits

Transfer Visits

Group Visits



How do you set up a visit?

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Daily Visits

To display and register for events, select an available date from the calendar.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

- Prospective Student Daily Visit
Tuesday, October 22 at 10:00 AM
Alice Campbell Alumni Center
Urbana, IL

October 2019						
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Legend:

- Available
- Unavailable / Filled
- Not Scheduled

Need help? Email admissions@illinois.edu or call 217-333-0302.



What schools to visit?

- ❑ Schools of interest
- ❑ Location
- ❑ Size
- ❑ Private or Public
- ❑ Urban, Rural, Suburban



Some things to consider...

- ❑ Schedule visits during scheduled school breaks
- ❑ Visit multiple schools (it's also okay to visit a school more than once)
- ❑ Make a contact out of an admissions representative
- ❑ Talk to other students
- ❑ Visit the:
 - ❑ Residence Halls
 - ❑ Classrooms
 - ❑ Athletics
- ❑ Explore on your own
 - ❑ Places important to you (library, business building, etc)



When should you visit?

- ❑ Scheduled school breaks are easiest
 - ❑ Visiting in the summer looks different than regular school year though
- ❑ Junior year is a good time to start visiting if you have not already



What is Demonstrated Interest?

- ❑ Ways to show a school you are serious about enrolling in their school
 - ❑ Questions
 - ❑ Direct Communication to the school
 - ❑ Visits
 - ❑ Participating in more activities
- ❑ Schools are aware of this, especially for those with higher assessment scores
 - ❑ Can be viewed as a safety school if no demonstrated Interest



Other methods to show demonstrated interest other than visiting

- ❑ Meet with a representative when they visit Stevenson High School
 - ❑ You can sign up on Naviance
- ❑ Contact the school after you apply
- ❑ Keep in communication with a contact
- ❑ Visit the website, sign up for newsletters, follow on facebook, twitter, etc.
- ❑ Completing surveys
- ❑ Applying Early Decision or Action



Questions??



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