



QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING A COLLEGE VISIT

BASIC INFORMATION

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Where is the college/university located?
2. Is it a rural or urban campus?
3. Is it a public or private school?
4. Is the school religiously affiliated?
5. Does the school offer 2- or 4-year degrees?
6. How many students are in the freshman class?
7. What is the total student population?
8. Is it a diverse student population?
9. Does the university offer graduate-level courses?
10. What is the male-to-female ratio?
11. What is the student-to-faculty ratio?
12. How many students are from out-of-state?
13. What is the average class size?

ACADEMICS

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. How many majors and programs are offered?
2. Are students required to declare a major?
 - a. If so, when do they have to declare by?
 - b. Do you recommend students declare a major before starting their freshman year?
 - c. Is it difficult to change majors?
4. Are there internship or research opportunities available for undergraduates?
 - a. Are internships required to graduate?
5. Is there a mandatory "co-op learning" program?
6. Are general education classes required?
7. Are classes taught by professors, TAs, etc.?
8. Are professors required to have office hours?
9. Do you offer online classes?
10. Is there an academic support center on campus?
11. What services are available for students with learning differences?
12. Do most students graduate in 4 years?
 - a. How many credits or hours are required to proceed to the next academic year?
 - b. Can I double major?
 - c. What percent of students get a job after graduation?

Already know what you want to major in? Here are some great questions to ask:

1. Are there separate application requirements within a major?
2. Is there a different GPA requirement to be considered for this program than to be accepted to the college?
3. How competitive is it to get accepted into this major?

ADMISSIONS

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. When is the application deadline?
 - a. Is there an early application deadline?
 - b. Is there an application fee? If so, how much is it?
 - c. Does the school cover application fees for those who financially qualify?
 - d. Do you have rolling admissions?
 - e. Do you have an online application?
 - f. When will I receive an admissions decision after applying?
2. Is an essay a required part of the application?
3. Does the college accept the Common Application?
 - a. Does the college require a supplemental essay?
4. Is the SAT, ACT, or TOFEL required for admissions?
 - a. What is the average SAT score?
 - b. What is the average ACT score?
 - c. What is the average TOFEL score?
5. What is the minimum GPA requirement to be considered for admission?
6. What is the average GPA of an accepted student?
7. What is the percentage of out-of-state students accepted?
8. Is orientation required for accepted students?
 - a. Should my parents attend orientation?
9. Is there an honors program on campus?
 - a. If so, is there a separate application to apply?
 - b. What is the academic profile of an honors student?
10. Do you accept high school AP/IB credits?
11. Do you accept community college credits?

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the tuition for in-state and out-of-state students?
 - a. Do you also offer regional tuition?
2. What types of scholarships are available?
 - a. Are there regional scholarships available?
 - b. Do you offer merit-based scholarships?
 - c. Are there any full tuition scholarship programs available?
3. Are work-study opportunities available?
 - a. If so, how many hours are required?
4. What is the average price of books?
 - a. Do book prices differ depending on the major?
5. Is the freshman year tuition locked in for all 4 years?
6. When is the FAFSA deadline?
7. Does the school accept outside loans?
8. Is there a credit union or bank on campus?
 - a. Can I qualify for scholarships after I have enrolled as a student?

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. Are freshman required to live on campus?
 - a. Are there freshman-only dorms?
 - b. Is there an honors program dorm?
2. What are the housing options available (i.e., communal bathrooms for the floor, suites, etc.)
3. What will my dorm room come with?
 - a. Is bed-lofting available?
 - b. Is wireless internet available in the dorms?
4. May I select a roommate?
5. Will I have a Residential Advisor (RA) on my floor?
6. Are there dining halls in the dorm?
7. Are freshman allowed to have cars?
 - a. If so, how available is parking to students?
 - b. How much are residential parking permits?
8. What percentage of students live on-campus?
9. When are students eligible to move off-campus?
 - a. What percent of students live off-campus?
10. How many dining halls are on campus?
 - a. What types of meal plans are available?
 - b. How late are the dining halls open?
 - c. Does my meal plan work off campus?
 - d. Are there any chain restaurants on campus?
 - e. Are there take-out options on campus?
 - f. Are there dining options for students with dietary restrictions?

STUDENT LIFE

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is a unique feature of your campus?
2. How many clubs and organizations are on campus?
 - a. Can I start my own club?
3. What types of events are hosted on campus for students?
4. Is there Greek life?
 - a. Are sororities and fraternities prominent on campus?
5. What volunteer opportunities are available through the college?
6. Are there academic clubs on campus?
7. How active is the student government on campus?
8. Is there a large student center?
 - a. If so, what can you do there?
9. Are there club and intramural sports?
10. Is there a gym on campus?
 - a. If so, is there a fee for joining?
11. What percentage of students are student athletes?
12. Are there religion-based services on campus?
13. Are there campus job opportunities?
 - a. What about off-campus job opportunities?
14. What activities are available to do off campus (i.e. skiing, hiking, etc.)?
15. Is public transportation available to students?
16. Where is the closest airport?

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