

Questions To Ask On A College Campus Visit

When visiting a college campus, your tour guide may be a current student or an admissions office representative. Below is a list of possible questions to ask while you are there to get a better understanding of what they have to offer and what your experience might be like if you attend:

Basics

- Why did you choose this school?
- Are you happy here?
- What are the school's strengths?
- What could stand to be improved?
- How accessible are instructors, administrators, registrars, financial aid officers, etc.?
- What majors are popular?
- What departments or programs have the best reputations?
- What's your favorite class?
- Are most of your classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?
- Were you able to take most of your first-choice classes?
- How much reading and writing is required in most courses?
- How often are collaborative work or group presentations required?
- How satisfied are you with academic advising?
- Do students use any on-campus tutoring programs or writing centers?
- How big are most classes?
- Do any majors require an independent study or capstone project ?
- Are professors available for research with students?
- Is it popular to study abroad?

Campus Life

- What's it like to be a first-year student here?
- What's a typical day like?
- How much time do students spend studying per week?
- What do you do when you're not in class?
- What do you do on the weekends?
- What is the social scene like?
- What kinds of things are there to do in this town?
- How's the food?
- Do most students live on-campus?
- What housing options are available?
- How are roommates assigned?
- Which clubs and student organizations are popular?
- Do lots of students belong to fraternities or sororities?
- What's your favorite place on campus?
- Where do you like to study?
- What are the facilities like (science labs, libraries, theatres, gyms, etc.)?
- Are there enough computer labs?
- How is the WiFi on campus?
- Is it easy to get around campus?
- Are sports popular?
- Is there a lot of school spirit?
- Can freshmen bring a car to campus?

Student Body

- How would you describe your fellow students?
- Are the students here friendly?
- What makes the student body unique?
- Is there diversity on campus?
- Do students of different races and classes interact easily?
- What is the four-year graduation rate?
- What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?
- Is there an honors college?
- What does the honors college offer?
- What are the academic requirements to qualify for the honors college?
- Are there live and learning communities or other freshman learning experiences?

Career Services

- Are internships available? How do you find them?
- Is the Career/Job Placement Services Office helpful?
- Are there opportunities to build leadership skills on campus?
- What options exist for service learning in the community?
- Do employers recruit students on campus?
- How easy is it to find summer jobs and other kinds of work through the school?
- Who are some of the notable graduates from the college?
- How visible is the school's alumni association on campus?
- What kinds of hands-on or practical experiences have you had in and outside of the classroom?

Financial Aid

- What is the average financial aid package?
- What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants/scholarships?
- What percentage of financial need does the school meet?
- What is the average merit award?
- What percentage of students receive financial aid?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?