

Good Questions to Ask When You Visit a College

- Has the college lived up to your expectations?
 - Has anything been a major disappointment?
 - What are the strengths of the college? The weaknesses?
 - What should I know about the college that isn't mentioned in the brochures or on the website?
 - Are there any particular tensions or issues on campus?
 - Is there anything special we should see while we are here?
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- What is the housing like? Are there lots of options?
 - Is it quiet enough for kids study in the dorms? If not, where do they study?
 - How good is the food? Are there options for dining?
 - Which dorms are the best to live in? How do you get into those?
 - What are some of the social or academic issues that students are concerned about?
 - How does the administration respond to student concerns?
 - Is safety an issue on campus?
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- Are classes taught by professors or teaching assistants? If TAs are commonplace, do they also grade your tests and papers?
 - What is the typical class size? For freshmen? For upperclassmen?
 - Do students have good relationships with faculty? Are faculty members available to students for help?
 - How many hours a day/week do students typically study?
 - How easy (or hard) is it to get into the classes you want?
 - What are the most outstanding majors? Are there requirements to get into certain majors?
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- Is the student body politically active? Or apathetic?
 - How difficult is it to participate in _____ activity? Or to make the _____ team?
 - How does a student get into the newspaper? The orchestra? The drama group? Name your interest.
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- How good is the career counseling office?
 - What does the college do to help graduates find jobs?
 - If you had to make the choice all over again, would you still choose this school?