

CAMPUS VISITS + QUESTIONS TO ASK

Questions to Ask College Reps

ACADEMICS

- What majors are the most popular?
- How many students will be in your freshman class this year?
- What is the average class size?
- How is class registration handled and when will that happen?
- Can I apply to the college with an “undeclared” major? At what point do I need to decide on a major?
- How difficult is it to change majors? How many students do it?
- How often do graduate students or teaching assistants teach classes?
- Are certain courses hard to get into? Which ones?
- What is the farthest walking distance between academic buildings?
- How are students advised about which courses to take?
- Are tutoring services available on campus? What supports are available if I am struggling in a class?

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

- Are freshmen required to live on campus?
- How are roommates chosen? Can I room with a friend?
- What if my roommate and I do not get along?
- What are the bathrooms like?
- Are there coed dorms? How are they organized? By floor?
- Are laundry services available on campus?
- How safe are the dorms? How safe is the campus?
- Can freshmen bring their cars? What is parking like and how much does it cost?
- What do students do when they are not in classes/studying?

FOOD SERVICES

- Is it required to purchase a meal plan? How many meals per week does it include?
- What kind of food is offered through the meal plan?
- Can you use your meal plan for various eateries on campus?
- Are food accommodations available? (gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian, etc)

FINANCIAL AID

- How are scholarships through the college/university awarded to students?
- What percentage of students receive financial aid/scholarships?
- On average, how much debt do students have at the time of graduation?
- Are there scholarships available for special groups (athletes, legacies, minority students, etc)?
- When do students learn about their financial aid package from the college?
- I will not qualify for any financial aid through the federal government. Do I still have to file a FAFSA/CA Dream Act?

OTHER

- What kinds of personal qualities do students here tend to have? How can I tell if I would fit in?
- Is there a Career Center on campus? Do they help students find employment?
- What is the philosophy, mission, and purpose of the University?
- If you could change something about the university, what would you change? What do you love about it?
- Are there supports available if I am struggling with my mental health or just having a bad day?

Campus Visit Checklist

CALL AHEAD/EMAIL AND ASK ABOUT:

- ☐ Booking a campus tour
- ☐ Tour times and starting point
- ☐ Directions to campus and where to park
- ☐ What to bring

RESEARCH THE COLLEGE

- ☐ Visit the college's website
- ☐ Review the list of questions to ask and highlight your top choices

DURING YOUR VISIT ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO:

- ☐ Take a tour
- ☐ Visit:
 - ☐ Classroom(s)
 - ☐ Library
 - ☐ Dining area(s)
 - ☐ Dorm building
 - ☐ Athletic facilities
 - ☐ Financial Aid Office and other important offices
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you (*may not be possible, but ask!*)
- ☐ Try the food on campus
- ☐ Spend time in the town/city outside of campus

AFTER THE VISIT

- ☐ Write down the answers to the questions you asked
- ☐ Jot down some quick thoughts about how it went
 - Do this for each campus you visit and use these notes to refresh your memory when making your college decision.