

Activity: Questions to Ask on a College Visit

Asking questions will help you decide if a college is a good fit. Below are sample questions to ask admissions representatives, tour guides, and students during college visits and at college fairs. Make a copy of this page for each college visit, and bring a notebook to write down the answers.

College/University: _____ Date: _____

I spoke with: _____

Ask Admissions Representatives

General Questions

- What is the demographic make-up of the most recent class? How many are students of color?
- What academic assistance resources are available?
- What kind of academic advising is available to help students choose classes and a major?
- Does the school help students find internships?
- What kinds of career services and employment resources are available?
- What are the four- and six-year graduation rates?
- What is the academic profile of the average admitted student? ACT/SAT score? GPA/class rank?
- What is the average class size? Are classes taught by teaching assistants (as opposed to professors)?

About Student Life

- What systems are in place for student safety?
- Are there stores and restaurants within walking distance or close to public transportation?
- Is student housing guaranteed for all freshmen students? For all four years? What other housing options are available?
- What impact do fraternities, sororities, or sports teams have on campus life?
- What clubs and student activities are available on campus? How do you start a new club?
- Are freshmen allowed to bring vehicles onto campus?

Financial Aid Questions

- What percentage of students receive need-based financial aid?
- What is the size of the average aid package?
- What kinds of jobs or Work-Study are available on campus?
- How can students learn about scholarships, grants, Work-Study, and other forms of financial aid?

Ask Students

General Questions

- What do you like best about the school, and what do you think could be improved?
- Has your adviser been helpful?
- Do you feel connected to your teachers, and are they accessible/supportive/helpful?
- Do you find the student body equitable and inclusive?
- How has the student body responded to acts of racial injustice? How has the college administration responded?
- What is the climate for students of color (or any group with which you identify)?
- Is the career center helpful, and how?
- Have you had an internship, and did the school help you find it?

About Student Life

- Do you feel safe on campus?
- How do you get to school?
- Is public transit convenient?
- Can students park on campus?
- What is your experience off campus?
- Do most students live in the dorms or commute?
- Do many students leave on weekends?
- What do students do on campus during the weekend?
- What do students do with their free time (e.g., study, explore the town, participate in clubs, socialize with friends, attend sporting events)?
- How is the food on campus? Are there many different options?