

College Visit Questions

Decide which of these questions is important to you, and ask your contact point at prospective colleges, then jot them down and compare between schools.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	FACILITIES & SERVICES
What courses are offered? How wide and deep do these classes go?	Does the school boast art facilities, such as galleries, studios, labs, etc.?
What is the typical class size?	Does the school offer access to scientific equipment for undergrads?
What majors are available in my area(s) of interest?	Does the school have practice rooms/stages for music/theater majors?
Are online or hybrid classes available?	Does the school offer tutoring services?
Do you have an honors program?	What health and support services are offered?
Are graduate degree programs available?	Does the school have other facilities, such as a greenhouse, museum, etc.?
ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES	ATHLETICS
What study abroad and/or exchange programs are available, if any?	Does your university have a "Junior Varsity" team?
Does this school offer cross-registration with other colleges?	How does the school handle class absences due to athletic travel?
Are there any special programs I should know about?	What is the minimum GPA I have to maintain for athletic eligibility?
Are there any research opportunities and/or internships available?	Are there intra-mural (recreational/ non-competitive) sports?

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT	HOUSING, FOOD, AND TRANSPORTATION
What do classes look like? Are they typically lectures? Discussions?	Does the city/school have public transportation to nearby cities? To home?
How accessible are the faculty and advisors?	Are students required to live on campus?
What does the social/academic balance look like? Are there plenty of “unwinding” opportunities?	What type of dorms are offered: new or old, noisy or quiet, suites, doubles, singles?
What is the average student population?	How many students are commuters?
How many Native American students are in attendance?	What is the housing availability on and off campus?
What is the political identity of the campus?	How safe is the campus and surrounding area?
What is the diversity of the faculty?	Does the school have a curfew?
SOCIAL LIFE	POST-COLLEGE STATISTICS
Are there any weekend activities for students?	What percentage of students find a job within one year of graduating?
Are there on- and off-campus social activities for students?	What is the admission rate to law or medical schools for graduates?
What does the school spirit and traditions look like?	How extensive and supportive is the alumni network?
What things are there to do in the area?	Does this school offer career counseling services?

NON-ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES	FINANCIAL
Does the school offer fitness facilities?	How much is tuition?
What community service opportunities are available?	How much is room and board?
What leadership opportunities are available?	What meal plans and rates are offered? Are meal plans required?
Are there restaurants locally available for students to eat at?	What is the average cost of fees per semester or year?
What clubs and organizations are offered?	What is the average cost of books per semester? Can you order online?
Are there fraternities and sororities? What is the recruitment process?	What internal scholarships are available?
	For Education majors: Do you offer the TEACH grant?
	How much is the parking fee, and how often does it have to be paid?

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