

Questions to Ask During the Visit

You won't find out much from just walking around looking at the buildings. Make the trip worthwhile by asking questions. The lists below give you plenty to choose from.

Questions to ask students:

1. Has going here turned out like you expected? Any surprises or disappointments?
2. What are the best reasons to go here?
3. What do students complain about?
4. I have to choose a dorm. What can you tell me about the choices?
5. How's the food?
6. What kind of meal plan makes the most sense?
7. What is there to do off-campus? Is it easy to get around?
8. What do most students do for fun on weekends?
9. How often do students go home on weekends?
10. Where do most students hang out on campus?
11. Can you study in the dorms? If not, where do you go to study?
12. Do you use the library often? Is it easy to find what you need there?
13. How's the bookstore? Can you find the books you need there? Is it easy to get used textbooks?
14. How is the campus network? Does it go down often?
15. I know it depends on your major, but in general, what's the workload like?
16. How are the professors? Are they hard to reach outside of class?
17. Is it easy to get the classes you want?
18. How would you rate the courses you've taken so far?
19. Would you characterize this college as mostly liberal, conservative, or open-minded?
20. Do you get much help finding internships or jobs?
21. Do most students join fraternities/sororities? Are you out of it if you aren't in one?
22. Is there much of a drug scene?
23. Do I have to worry about things getting stolen?
24. Is the campus safe at night?
25. How would you describe the relationship between students and the administration?

Questions to ask the tour guide:

1. How popular is the recreation/sports/fitness center? Is it crowded often?
2. Where do you do laundry? Is it convenient? Will I need to hoard quarters?
3. Is there any overcrowding in the dorms (three students in a double, for example)?
4. Do many resident students have cars? Is there enough parking?
5. I'm thinking of majoring in _____. What relevant facilities should I see?
6. Where can you get something to eat after the cafeteria is closed?
7. How large are most classes? Do many take place in auditoriums?
8. What are the most popular extracurricular activities?
9. Are there many intramural or club sports?
10. Are there enough computers, printers, and copying machines available? What about at night?
11. Does student government play much of a role on campus?

Questions to ask at the admissions office:

1. When does registration take place for freshmen? What is the registration procedure?
2. Do freshmen have to take any placement exams?
3. What sort of job placement or career counseling is available before graduation?
4. How much should I expect tuition to increase over the next four years?
5. Who should I speak to about financial aid? (See "10 Questions for the Financial Aid Office" on page 156.)
6. Is there a course catalog I can take with me?

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