



CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

Visiting a college is a great way to get a sense of what life is like on that campus so you can decide if it would be a good fit for you. This packet provides a guide to collecting important information all in one place. Using a packet for each school you visit will allow you compare each school by the same criteria.

College Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Tuition \$ _____ Room and board \$ _____

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

FINANCIAL AID CONTACT

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

OTHER CONTACT

Name _____

Title _____

Phone _____

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On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best, rate the following:

Campus _____ Location _____ Classrooms _____ Residence Halls _____

Students _____ Social Life _____ Food _____ Staff _____



College Name _____

POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS

CONCERNS

OTHER NOTES



WHAT SHOULD I DO ON MY CAMPUS VISIT?

- Tour Campus
- Talk to the Admissions Office
- Talk to Professors
- Talk to Students
- Sit In on a Class
- Eat in the Cafeteria
- Visit the Library
- Visit Student Housing or Dorms
- Visit the Campus Bookstore
- Spend time in the Student Center
- Check out the Recreational Facilities
- Check out Student Activities and Organizations
- Check out Specialized Facilities (art studios, labs, vivariums)
- Read the College Newspaper
- Tour the city/town around campus
- Eat at an Off-Campus Student Hang Out

ASK YOURSELF

- Are the buildings in good shape?
- Do they have air conditioning?
- Is lab equipment up to date and in good condition?
- Are computer facilities accessible and up to date?
- Are rooms in the residence halls pleasant?
- Are common areas in residence halls appealing?
- Are the restrooms clean and well kept?
- Is the setting and architecture appealing?
- What is the surrounding city/town like?
- Can I see myself living here happily?



WHAT SHOULD I ASK ADMISSIONS?

20 QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

1. What are the college's academic specialties? What programs are particularly strong?
2. What makes your college distinctive?
3. What are the average SAT/ACT scores for admitted students? GPA? Class Rank?
4. Are extracurricular activities considered when determining admission?
5. What does your college offer in terms of career services?
6. Is on-campus housing guaranteed for freshmen? Is it required?
What percentage of students live on campus?
7. What types of activities are offered? Clubs, fraternities and sororities, etc.
8. What percentage of classes are taught by professors? By graduate students?
9. What are the application deadlines? What are the financial aid deadlines?
10. When are admissions decisions determined? When are financial aid awards determined?
11. What can you tell me about job placement for recent graduates?
12. What percentage of freshman return for their sophomore year?
13. What is the ratio of students to faculty?
14. What honors programs are available? Do honors students have separate housing?
15. What percentage of students receive financial aid?
16. What types of scholarship opportunities are available?
17. Are freshmen permitted to have cars on campus?
18. What are the healthcare facilities like?
19. What types of academic assistance are available?
20. How are roommates assigned?



WHAT SHOULD I ASK DEPARTMENT REPS?

20 QUESTIONS FOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

1. Why do students typically select this major?
2. How much flexibility does this major have with upper level courses?
3. If I were to chose this major, what topics would I be studying?
4. What are the specific course requirements for this major?
5. Does this major require a minor? What minors best complement this major?
6. Is there a foreign language requirement associated with this major?
7. What is the math requirement for this major?
8. Is there an intro course students can take to determine if they're interested in this major?
9. Are there any specific requirements a student must meet/complete before they can declare this major? (i.e., completion of specific courses, GPA requirement, etc.)
10. What is the typical class size for courses in this major?
11. Do any classes required for this major have labs associated with them?
12. Compared to other colleges and universities is this major or program considered to be competitive, prestigious, well respected?
13. Are there opportunities for internships and undergraduate research with this major?
14. Are there scholarships available specifically for students in this major?
15. What skills will this major help me develop?
16. What kinds of jobs do students who graduate with this major typically pursue?
17. What percentage of graduates typically obtain jobs related to this major?
18. Is graduate school usually required to work in fields associated with this major?
19. Is it typical for students to graduate from this major in four years?
20. Is it typical for students to work part-time and still complete this major in four years?



WHAT SHOULD I ASK THE STUDENTS?

20 QUESTIONS FOR CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

1. Why did you select this college/university?
2. What is your favorite thing about this college/university?
3. What is your least favorite?
4. Is it easy to get involved in student organizations?
5. What is a typical day like?
6. What is the faculty like?
7. What is the largest class you've had? The smallest?
8. Does social life revolve around campus or do students leave on the weekends?
9. Is there a typical student profile?
10. What is student life like?
11. Are other students typically friendly and willing to help?
12. Did/do you live in the dorms? Did/do you like them?
13. Is it possible to study in your dorm room?
14. How is the food on campus?
15. Do you feel safe on campus? What is campus security like?
16. Are campus jobs available?
17. Is it typical for students to work part-time and still complete this major in four years?
18. What other colleges did you apply to?
19. If you could do it all over again, would you select this college/university?
20. Do you have any other important information or advice?