

QUESTIONS TO ASK DURING COLLEGE VISITS

Admissions Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –What range of GPA and test scores are you looking for in your applicants? What does the typical or average applicant look like? –Tell me about the selection process. What factors are most important as you review prospective student applications? –How do you weigh subjective factors such as quality of high school, GPA, rank, scores, activities? –Tell me about application timelines and any early decision, early action, or other procedures I should know about. 	
Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Why do students apply to this college? – What are the most popular majors? – Tell me about the typical freshman year program. –What is the average class size? –How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus? 	Academic Perks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What opportunities are there for undergraduate research? –Is there a culminating senior year experience? –Do you have a learning community or other freshman experience? –What type of career services do you have?
Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –What is your average financial aid package? –What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants? –What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet? –What is the average merit award? –What is the school's assurance that freshman merit aid will continue to other years? –What is the average college debt that students leave with? –What work-study opportunities are there? 	Academic Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What types of services do you offer for personal / career counseling? – What type of tutoring program do you have? –How do you provide academic advice to students? –Do you have a writing center and how do students access it? –What kind of learning disability resources do you have?
Graduation Track Record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –What is your four-year graduation rate? –What is your five-year graduation rate? –What does it take to graduate in four years? –What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year? 	Outside Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –What percentage of students choose to study abroad? Is housing guaranteed for students returning from study abroad? – Tell me about internship opportunities that students have been offered? Does the school partner with any companies?

Student Life / Activities / Traditions

- What do students complain about most? What type of student is happiest here?
- What do students on campus rave about?
- What kind of dorm choices are there?
- What percentage of student live on campus?
- How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?
- How many students live on campus?
- Do most students go home on the weekend?
- What percentage of the study body belongs to a sorority or fraternity?
- What are the most popular extracurricular activities? What are the 3-5 most popular clubs/activities?
- What are the unique student traditions on campus?

Additional Questions To Ask Of Current Students While on Campus

- What are the best reasons to go to this college/university? What do you love about it?
- What did you learn about this college that you didn't know when you arrived?
- Is there anything that you would change about this college/university?
- How often do you meet individually with your professors?
- What is the "glue" that binds student social life? Fraternities/Sororities? Academics? Clubs? Athletics? The outdoors?
- Where do students hang out?
- What do you consider the strongest academic majors here?
- Do students generally stay on campus during weekends?
- Tell me about the balance between academic and social life