

# Campus Visit To Do List



## Academics – Meet with Admissions Counselor:

- Verify admission requirements. Will your AP or previous college credits transfer here?
- Is college/university accredited?
- Procedure for student orientation and scheduling
- Obtain a school calendar and course catalog
- Which academic programs on campus are the most popular?
- How are faculty advisors assigned to students?
- What services does the college offer for a student undecided about a major?
- How easy is it to change major?
- Does the college offer the major that interests you?
- How many students return after their freshman year?
- What percentage of students graduate in four years or less?
- Are there any special support services if you are a special education student? How do these services function and is there any additional cost charged for these services?
- Is there an Honors Program for talented students?
- What kind of career-planning services are available?

## Academics – Meet with Department Faculty:

- Academic offerings and requirements
- Attend a class to get an idea of the academic atmosphere
- Placement record for graduates in your proposed field of study. What percentage of graduates find jobs within a few months after graduating? What percentage of graduates find jobs in the field they studied for?
- Who teaches the freshmen classes (e.g., Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants)?
- What percentage of students successfully apply to graduate school?
- What tutoring, counseling, and support services are available on campus and how are they accessed?
- What is the quality of the library and research facilities?
- How large are classes for freshmen and sophomores? How many large classes can you expect?

## Student & Campus Life – Tour the Campus:

- What recreational facilities does the campus offer?
- How diverse is the campus?
- What is the general academic environment and kind of study necessary for success?

- What portion of the student body lives on campus? What portion of the student body remains on campus for the weekends?
- What activities do students participate in during their free time both on campus (school sponsored) and in the community?
- Does the campus have a Greek system of fraternities and sororities?
- What are the most popular extracurricular activities?
- What student organizations are active on campus?
- What intramural sports are on campus?
- Where is the central gathering place for students?
- What transportation options are available to and from campus?
- May freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee?
- Is it easy to get around campus? Easy to walk to and from classes?
- Are there parent or sibling events?
- What are the safety issues on campus? How are they addressed?

### **Housing & Food Service:**

- Is campus housing guaranteed for all four years? What percent of students live on campus all four years?
- How much does housing cost? Is it easy to get on-campus housing?
- What housing options exist (e.g., honors, themed, single sex, co-ed, Greek)?
- How hard is it to find off-campus housing?
- What are the procedures for selecting a roommate? What happens if your roommate and you are not compatible?
- What percentage of students reside on campus?
- What computer access will you have? Do you need to bring your own computer? Are the dorms wired for Internet/email services?
- What laundry facilities are available and how accessible are they?
- What meal plans are available? Are freshmen required to purchase a specific type of meal plan?
- Do meal plans provide menus for special diets (e.g. vegetarian, gluten free)?
- What hours may students access food service?

### **Paying for College:**

- Determine college costs: tuition, books, fees, housing, and meal plans.
- Does your ability to pay the full cost of attendance have an impact on the college's decision to admit you?
- Does the campus offer a payment plan? When are fees due?
- What financial aid forms are required?
- Will outside scholarships affect the amount of aid the school will offer you?
- Ask about financial aid opportunities and scholarships
- What is the availability of jobs on or off campus? Are there work study programs available?
- What kind of refund can you get if you have to suddenly drop out or cancel some of your courses?