

Campus Visits

When you talk to students, ask...

1. How many hours a week do you study? Is it typical of students here?
2. Are campus jobs readily available?
3. Are faculty members interested in students and accessible outside of class?
4. Do many students go home on the weekends or does the social life revolve around the campus?
5. How important are fraternities/sororities to social life?
6. Are there social pressures? (how important are money, possessions, and appearances)?
7. Is the food good?
8. Is it possible to study in your dorm room?
9. What is the library like as a place to study...do research?
10. What do you like most about this college?...least?
11. How easy is it to get the classes you want at registration?
12. If you had to do it again, would you still choose this college?

If you attend a class, ask yourself?

1. Are the students interested in the material?
2. Is there time for questions and discussion? Do students participate?
3. Are students prepared for the class?
4. Am I intellectually challenged by what is taking place in the class?
5. Do I feel that the students are learning - either new facts or new ways of thinking about a subject?
6. Is there good rapport between professor and students?
7. Would I feel comfortable as a student in this setting?

As you tour the campus, ask yourself..

1. Are the older buildings in good repair?
2. Are there new buildings as well as older ones?
3. Is lab equipment up-to-date and plentiful?
4. Are rooms in residence halls pleasant? Quiet enough to study?
5. Are common areas in residence halls attractive? Are there laundry and kitchen facilities?
6. What are the living arrangements for freshmen?
 - large dorms -singles
 - small dorms -doubles
 - single sex/coed dorms -triples
 - house or college system -quads
 - fraternities/sororities -suites
 - off campus apartments
7. How is housing allocated after freshman year?
8. What are the living arrangements for upper classmen. Are upper classmen guaranteed space on campus?
9. Are there limitations on visiting hours? Are there "quiet hours"?
10. What is the cafeteria like?

11. Are the grounds well kept?
12. Is the setting and architecture appealing?
13. What is the surrounding town or city like? Would I feel comfortable here?
14. Does the campus appear well lighted, accessible to all buildings, and safe?
15. Do the students seem friendly? Have they been helpful to you?
16. Does there seem to be a "typical" student? How would you characterize him/her?(Preppy, offbeat, nondescript, clean-cut, all-American, messy, grungy, etc.)
 - a. How is an atypical student accepted?
 - b. Is there a great deal of student diversity?
17. Is there school spirit?
18. How do you evaluate the overall social atmosphere?
 (unappealing) (appealing)
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
19. How do you feel you would fit in socially?
 (not at all) (very well)
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20. What is the students' attitude toward learning?
21. Do students exchange ideas outside of class?
22. Is there pressure for good grades? Internal or external?
23. Is there interest in political, social or world issues?
24. Do students place a higher priority on academics or other activities?
25. How would you evaluate the intellectual atmosphere?
 (unappealing) (appealing)
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26. How do you feel you would fit in intellectually?
 (not at all) (very well)
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