

Campus

Visits



Things to Do

Questions to Ask

Getting started...

Look online at the college's admissions office to schedule appointments with admissions, financial aid, and with your major, and to schedule tours of the campus and residence halls. See your counselor if you need assistance.

Highlight the questions in this brochure that you know you want to ask, and take the brochure with you to refer to during your visit.

Do this:

Meet with a representative from admissions.

Ask this:

- How many students are enrolled here?
- What are the admission requirements?
- What's the timeline for admissions? Is there a deadline?
- Looking at my transcript, what are my chances for acceptance?
- When can I expect an admissions decision?
- If I'm not accepted, can I appeal? Reapply?
- What career counseling services are available?
- What is the advising system like? How will I know which classes to take?
- What is the average size of classes? Ratio of instructors to students? Typical class size for freshmen and sophomores?
- What small group resources are available for large lecture classes?
- Who teaches freshmen and sophomores? Grad assistants? Professors?
- What percentage of freshman return for the sophomore year?
- If necessary, how can I change majors?
- What special programs, study abroad, internships, summer terms, etc.?
- How many classes should I take per semester to graduate on time?
- How can my parents and I monitor my grades and attendance?

Do this:

Tour a residence hall with a university tour guide.

Ask this:

- How are roommates matched?
- Can I choose my own roommate? If so, what is the procedure?
- Are there residence halls that house students who share majors or interests?
- Are the residence halls co-ed (both men and women live in the same dorm)? Are suites available?
- What's the showering situation? Are there times when there are so many people trying to shower that it's difficult to get in?
- Do all halls have air conditioning? If not, which ones do?
- What are the hall rules? Are there visiting hours?
- What activities are available to help students get to know each other?
- What activities are planned throughout the year?
- What if problems develop with my roommate? Are there Resident Advisors (RAs) to intervene?
- What if I want to change roommates?
- How could I become an RA?
- What types of meal plans are available? Are there options for students with specific dietary needs?
- Where are the laundry facilities? Cost?
- Is there WiFi?
- What other options are available besides residence halls (Greek houses, co-ops)?

Do this:

Meet with a financial aid advisor.

Ask this:

- How much is tuition?
- How much is room and board?
- What is the average amount spent on books/supplies per semester?
- Are there other costs, such as activity fees, program fees, technology fees?
- What is available in terms of financial aid?
- Can I get an estimate of my financial aid package?
- Are 21st Century Scholars eligible for additional aid for room and board and other expenses?
- How do I apply for need-based awards?
- How do I apply for merit-based awards?
- Is work-study available?
- What about student loans?
- Parent loans? How do they work?
- Are tuition payment plans available?
- When will I receive a bill for tuition/fees?
- Will my classes be cancelled if there's a hold-up in my financial aid?

Do this:

Meet with a rep from an extra-curricular program in which you're interested.

Ask this:

- What are the eligibility requirements for this activity?
- What is the graduation rate for students involved in this activity?
- What costs are involved?
- How much travel is involved? Miss classes?

Do this:

Tour the campus with a university tour guide.

Ask this:

- What are the libraries like? When are they available?
- How well-equipped are the science labs? Computer labs? When are they available?
- What is campus security like? Do students feel safe?
- How much time is there between classes?
- Are there shuttle buses available to get across campus more quickly? Cost?
- What recreational facilities are open to students (pool, courts, exercise equipment, etc...)?
- What intramural sports programs can I join?
- What other campus organizations are available?
- Are there opportunities for worship on campus? Fellowship groups?
- What percentage of students are in sororities or fraternities? What are the advantages and disadvantages? How can students join?
- Where do students shop? Where do they eat off-campus?
- Is there a Student Center/Union? What's available there? How much do activities cost?
- What social and cultural activities are available? Are free or discounted seats available for performances and athletic events?
- What if I get sick? What health services are available?

- What are the major issues being discussed on campus right now?
- What happens if I lose my student ID?

Do this:

Meet with someone from the major in which you're interested.

Ask this:

- Are there any special requirements for admission to this major? Why or why not?
- What courses will I be taking to complete this major?
- Am I expected to provide a laptop or any other required supplies?
- What courses are typically difficult for freshmen?
- How can I monitor my grades?
- Are instructors required to have office hours?
- What do I do if I'm having trouble in a course?
- What percentage of students in this major get jobs in this field after graduation?
- What kinds of jobs do they get? What is a typical starting salary?
- What labs or other special facilities are available for students in this major? Is the technology current?
- What internship experiences are available? Are there opportunities for studying abroad?
- What placement services does the university provide? How will they help me find a job in my major?

Do this:

Jot down additional questions:

Do this:

Ask for a statement verifying that you were there for a visit. Take that proof to the high school main office.