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Questions to ask when you *Go.Visit.College!*

Want to find the right fit for college? Visit the colleges that interest you and ask LOTS of questions while you're there. Print this list and take it with you during campus visits or view the questions on your smart phone or tablet Visit **EducationQuest.org for college selection and campus visit tips.**

Ask the Admissions representative:

1. Is the college accredited?
2. What are admission requirements and deadlines?
3. What is the cost of tuition, fees, room & board, and books?
4. What are housing options? Will I be required to live on campus? Is there a wait list?
Are meal plans required?
5. What is the average class size? Are classes taught by professors or graduate assistants?
6. Will I have an academic advisor? Will that person help with class selection?
7. I don't know what I plan to study yet; how easy is it to change majors?
8. What are "general education" requirements?
9. How easy is it to transfer credits from a community college? Who should I talk to about the academic transfer process?
10. Is there an honors program and how do you qualify?
11. Is there a campus career center? Are internships available? Job placement services?
12. Are there study-abroad opportunities?
13. What percentage of students return after their freshman year?
14. What percentage of students graduate and what is the average length of study?
15. How diverse is the student population?
16. What percentage of students are commuters?
17. What is the student vs. faculty ratio?

Questions about student safety:

1. Is there an on-campus health clinic and what services do they offer? (Tip: Check with your insurance provider to see if they consider the campus clinic "in-network.")
2. Where do you refer students who have a serious medical issue?
3. How safe is the campus and what security systems are in place?
4. Is there a campus police unit?

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Additional questions for a visit to a community college:

1. Will I be required to take placement exams? If so, what are they?
2. What is the average student age?
3. What is the two-year graduation rate?
4. Tell me about your academic transfer program.
5. Do you have student housing? Is there a wait list? Do students typically leave over the weekends?

Ask the Financial Aid counselor:

1. What applications are required for scholarships and financial aid, and what are the deadlines?
2. Are academic and departmental scholarships available?
3. Can you provide an estimate of my financial aid package?
4. Will scholarships from other donors affect the amount of aid I receive from the college?
5. What types of payment plans does the college offer?
6. Does the college offer a work-study program? How easy is it to find a job on campus?
7. Can I get a refund if I have to drop a class or drop out suddenly?

Ask your student tour guide or a current student about:

Student Life:

1. How did you make the transition from high school to college? What was most difficult?
2. Why did you select this school?
3. How accessible are the professors? Who is your favorite so far?
4. How many students were in your freshman classes?
5. Do professors mostly lecture? Or do they use technology or other ways to make learning interactive?
6. How easy or hard was it to get the classes you wanted?
7. What do you consider strong majors at this college?
8. How many hours a day or week do you study?
9. What is the quality of the library and research facilities?
10. What kind of tutoring/support systems does the college have?

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Campus Life:

11. What do you think about the campus size? Are the buildings well-kept? Are there plans for new facilities?
12. Is the computer network up to date? Will I need to bring a computer? Is the campus wireless (dorms included)?
13. What is the Greek system like? What percent of the students participate?
14. Where have you lived on campus? What laundry facilities are available and what do they cost?
15. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee for parking on campus?
16. How easy is it easy to get around on campus? Can I walk anywhere I want to go? Is there a free campus shuttle?
17. Are the dorm rooms adequate in size and suitable for studying?
18. What do students do on weekends? What did you do last weekend?
19. Are there events for parents/siblings?
20. What are the big campus traditions? Do a lot of students go to athletic events?
21. What kinds of activities, intramural sports or clubs are popular on campus?
22. Is there a campus recreation center for students and is the equipment in good shape?
23. How is the food in the dining halls? What are the hours?
24. What other on-campus stores/food services are available?

Life Off-Campus:

25. What off-campus housing options are available near campus?
26. Is there much to do off campus? Movies, sporting events, concerts, museums, etc.
27. How easy is it to get to places if you don't have a car? Are bikes a good option?
28. Is there a grocery store nearby?
29. Is this city/town safe?

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Ask YOURSELF after your campus visit:

1. Were campus staff members and students friendly? Was I comfortable interacting with them?
2. Was the campus a good size for me?
3. How were the residence halls? Too loud or too quiet? How large were the rooms? Is there enough space to study? Was I comfortable with the level of security?
4. Is there enough to do on campus?
5. Is there a good variety of off-campus activities?
6. Is there a nearby airport, train, or bus terminal to get home for breaks?

If you have a disability, ask the Disability Services Coordinator:

1. What support services are available for students with special needs? Is there an additional cost?
2. What educational/medical documentation must I bring to identify myself as a student with a disability entitled to reasonable accommodations? How current must it be?
3. How is confidential information handled?
4. Who decides if I qualify for accommodations and are the accommodations I need available?
5. How much advance notice is needed to have textbooks available as audiobooks?
6. Is tutoring provided? What is the cost?
7. Are waivers or substitutions granted to students who, because of their disabilities, cannot pass certain courses, such as foreign languages or statistics?
8. Are courses in basic skills or study skills offered? Are they available for credit? Can they be counted as hours toward full-time status? What is the cost?
9. Is there a support group on campus for students with disabilities?
10. Is there an adaptive technology lab on campus?