

# Questions to ask during a campus visit

Whether you are a freshman or a senior, spring provides excellent opportunities to visit colleges. Actually walking on campus is the best way to get the true feeling of a school. Here are some specifics to consider when making a campus visit. Ideally, you will be able to visit at a time when school is in session and the campus is alive with student life.

1. Academic program/atmosphere: What are the quality of the academic programs and the atmosphere of the campus? Is it friendly reserved or too social? Is this a match for you?
2. Quality of potential majors: What is the quality of majors and minors that you may want to study (Art, Business, Diesel Tech, Dental Tech, Computer Science)? Are your interests going to be met?
3. Academic facilities (classrooms and labs): Rate the size and cleanliness of the facilities: too big, not big enough, are they clean, accessible?
4. Computer availability: Are there a lot of computers? Are they easily accessible?
5. Faculty teaching reputation: What is the reputation of the faculty? Do graduate students teach most of the freshman and sophomore classes?
6. Student-faculty ratio: What is the number of students to faculty members? Are there too many students to one teacher per class?
7. Faculty office hours: Are there enough office hours offered or can you make appointments to see professors outside of class?
8. Counseling (academic, career, and personal): What is the availability of academic, career and personal counseling?
9. Costs/financial aid available: Do the cost of the college and the amount of financial aid awarded meet your needs?
10. Part-time work opportunities: Is part-time work available and are you interested in the companies that offer the work?
11. Campus location and setting: Do you like the location and setting of the campus and surrounding areas? Are you comfortable in an urban or more rural setting? Is it easy to get around the city? Are there restaurants and other activities to do in the community?
12. Campus size: Is the campus a good match for you? Is it easy to get around? Is it too far to walk between classes?
13. Library/lab/studio facilities: Are they comfortable to study in? Will their hours meet your needs?

14. Do they offer distance education via the Internet, public TV or satellite conference link? Does the college offer independent study opportunities?
15. International study programs: Does the college offer study abroad programs? What is the quality and price? Are there a variety of countries?
16. Recreational facilities (gym, track, pool): What are the facilities hours? Is there an extra fee to use the facilities and how much is it? Is it too crowded?
17. Internships: Do the college and local companies/agencies offer credit or money for internships working in your area of interest?
18. Student health facilities: Is the atmosphere inviting? Is there a long wait for the doctor? Is it easy to make an appointment?
19. Club and cultural opportunities and facilities: Are there a variety of clubs and cultural activities? How often do they meet? Are meeting sites comfortable?
20. Extracurricular activities: What are the opportunities to join club sports or the major sports teams? Are there a variety of sports? How often do they practice?
21. Food: Is the food good? Are there other alternatives to the cafeteria? Is it a flexible plan?
22. Housing on and off campus: What is the availability of housing on and off campus (dorms, apartments, and houses)? Is there a waiting list for the dorms? Are there enough apartment complexes and rental houses? How much do they cost?
23. Does the college have a website if I have more questions?