

## Activity: Questions to Ask on a College Visit



Asking questions will help you decide if a college is a good fit. Below are sample questions to ask admissions directors, tour guides and students during college visits and at college fairs. Make a copy of this page for each college visit and bring a notebook in which to write down the answers or use the SUTC mobile app.

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I spoke with: \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions to Ask Admissions Representatives

#### General Questions

- How diverse is the student body?
- What academic assistance resources are available?
- What kind of academic advising is available to help students choose classes and a major?
- Does the school help students find internships?
- What kinds of career services and employment resources are available?
- What percentage of students graduate in four years?
- What is the academic profile of the average admitted student? ACT/SAT score? GPA/class rank?
- What is the average class size? Are classes taught by teaching assistants (as opposed to professors)?

#### About Student Life

- What systems are in place for student safety?
- Are there safety escorts in the evening for students?
- How accessible is public transportation?
- Can students have cars on campus? Is parking free?
- Are there stores and restaurants within walking distance or close to public transportation?
- Is student housing guaranteed for all freshmen students? For all four years? What other housing options are available?
- Do fraternities, sororities or sports teams play a major role in campus life?
- What clubs and student activities are available on campus? How do you start a new club?

#### Financial Aid Questions

- What percentage of students receive financial aid?
- What is the size of the average aid package?
- What kinds of jobs or Work-Study are available on campus?
- How can students learn about scholarships, grants, Work-Study and other forms of financial aid?

### Questions to Ask Students

#### General Questions

- What do you like best about the school, and what do you think could be improved?
- Is tutoring available?
- Has your adviser been helpful?
- Do you feel connected to your teachers, and are they accessible/supportive/helpful?
- Do you find the student body diverse?
- What is the climate for students of color (or any group to which you belong)?
- Is the career center helpful and how?
- Have you done an internship, and did the school help you find it?

#### About Student Life

- Do you feel safe on campus?
- How do you get to school?
- Is public transit convenient?
- Can students park on campus?
- Do you feel comfortable in the neighborhood?
- Do most students live in the dorms or commute?
- Do many students leave on weekends?
- Is campus busy or empty on weekends?
- What do students do on campus during the weekend?
- What do students do with their free time (e.g., study, explore the town, participate in clubs, socialize with friends)?
- How is the food on campus? Are there many different options?

#### Notes

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