



Campus Visit Checklist

- ☐ Wear appropriate clothing - think dress code(ish)
 - - no baseball hats, no flip flops, no gum chewing, cell phone away/off
- ☐ Take a campus tour
 - Pay attention to bulletin boards in academic buildings
 - Ask your student tour guide questions (see reverse)
- ☐ Attend an info session or interview conducted by an admission officer
- ☐ Get business cards of people you meet for future contact
- ☐ Pick up brochures (on your major, career office, study abroad, etc.)
- ☐ Sit in on a class that interests you (schedule in advance through admissions)
- ☐ Talk to a professor in your chosen major OR connect with an Academy alum
- ☐ Talk to coaches of sports in which you might participate
- ☐ Pick up a student newspaper – take note of issues important to student body
- ☐ Talk to a student or counselor in the career center
- ☐ Eat in one of the cafeterias or food courts
- ☐ Wander around the campus by yourself before or after the tour – go off the beaten path/tour route – walk around the community surrounding campus
- ☐ Stop into the student center or recreation facility
- ☐ Ask students (tour guides or others you encounter) what they love about the college and what they wish they could change
- ☐ Browse in the college bookstore
- ☐ Make sure you see a FRESHMAN dorm (and ask to see a bathroom!)
- ☐ Listen to the college's radio station on your way out of town
- ☐ Imagine yourself attending this college for four years

Questions to Ask on a College Tour



Academic

- Do professors teach most freshmen courses or do grad students do much of the teaching?
- What is the attitude of most professors towards students?
 - Friendly? Accessible? Willing to give extra help?
- How hard do you have to work to be successful?
- How is access to advisors for mentoring and assistance?
- What help/advising is available for students who are “undecided” to choose a major?
- How difficult is it to change majors? To double major?
- Is the learning environment cooperative or competitive?
- Tell me about the career center and internships. What help is offered?
- What percentage of graduates got jobs last year? What percentage went to grad school?

Social

- What do students do on the weekends? Do many of them go home or do most stay?
- What is the environment like regarding drinking and drug use?
- How important are fraternities and sororities on campus? Does social life depend on them?
- What kind of entertainment has come to campus recently?
 - Concerts? Theater? Orchestras? Dance Troupes? Lectures?
- Are groups in the college community involved in what’s going on in the outside world – politics, international relations, community service?
- How’s the campus food? Any recommendations about picking a dorm?

The Surrounding Area

- For non-urban schools, find out what the surrounding community is like.
 - How are relations between residents of the town and students?
 - Colleges will refer to this is called the town-gown relationship
 - Is there a shuttle between campus and town? Do students go into town?
 - What is the largest/closest/most accessible urban area?
- For urban schools:
 - How safe is the neighborhood? Is housing available near campus?
 - Is adequate parking available on campus? Can freshmen have cars?



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General Questions

- What kinds of help are available – academic, personal, psychological?
- How are personal problems handled? What if I don’t get along with my freshman roommate?
- Are there lots of rules and regulations for freshmen?
- How safe is the campus?
 - You may ask for statistics on campus crime if you are concerned. Campuses are mandated to provide this information, both in writing and on the university website
- What do students like most about this college? Why did you (tour guide) choose this school?
- What’s the greatest weakness/challenge of this college? What would you change if you could?