

THE COLLEGE VISIT

...Ask students...

Do you spend most of your time outside class studying? Is that amount typical for most students here?

Are campus jobs readily available?

Are faculty members accessible outside of class? Do faculty members teach undergraduate courses?

Do many students go home on the weekends?

Is it possible to study in your dorm room?

Do you like to study in the library? Do you often do research there?

Is it relatively easy to get the classes you want at registration time?

If you could do it again, would you still choose this college?

...If you attend class, ask yourself...

Am I intellectually challenged by what's happening in the class?

Do the students seem to be learning – either new facts or new ways of thinking about a subject?

Is there a good rapport between professors and students?

Would I feel comfortable in this class as a student?

...As you tour the campus, ask yourself...

Are the older buildings in good repair? Are there new buildings as well as old?

Is the lab equipment up-to-date and available?

Are the rooms in the residence halls quiet enough to study in? Are they in a pleasant setting?

Are common areas in the residence halls pleasant? Are there kitchen and laundry facilities?

Are the grounds well kept? What's the surrounding town or city like? Could I live here?



...As you tour the campus, ask your campus guide...

What's the largest class you've had? How large are your classes now?

Who teaches you in these courses? (Graduate assistants or professors?)

Does the school have a required core curriculum? How restrictive is it? Is there a foreign language requirement?

How adequate is the library? Are you able to get the books you need when you want them?

When do you have to declare your major? What are the most popular majors?

Tell me about housing. Are some dorms much better than others? Do many students live off campus? If so, why?

How competitive is the student body? Do students seem to work primarily for grades? What is the attitude toward working hard?

Have you been in any faculty homes since you've been here? How available are your professors?

Can you tell me anything first-hand about the (French, English, history . . .) department?

What's the biggest issue in local campus politics?

What are the biggest issues in national and international politics? Are students politically active? Aware?

What percentage of students study abroad at some time?

What impact do fraternities have here? Athletics?

What are weekends like? Do many students leave campus on the weekend? Are there alternatives to the typical party scene?

How active is student government? What activities are popular?

Are the arts supported here? Which areas are strong?

What do you think is the greatest shortcoming of this college? What do students complain about?

What do you like best about your experience and education here?

Is this a diverse community? Where do students come from?

If you could attend another college now, where would you go? Why?

Why did you choose this school? To which others did you apply?

What kinds of kids do you think are happiest here? Which ones are least happy?