



QUESTIONS TO ASK A COLLEGE



Whether you use this list on a virtual visit or an on-campus visit, you may consider using the following questions or modifying your own list. Decide and find out what is *important* to you.

Admission Questions

- What are your admission requirements?
- Are you a test optional school? If so, which is the most advantageous way for me to apply for admission AND scholarship purposes?
- What are your average GPA and ACT/SAT scores for admitted students?
- What are your acceptable ranges for a GPA and ACT/SAT scores? Is there a minimum GPA or ACT/SAT for admission?
- What is your admit rate- the percentage of students that are admitted?
- What are your course requirements? Do you require a foreign language and if so how many years?
- What are your deadlines?
- Do you require letters of recommendation? If so, how many and from whom?
- If letters of recommendation are not required are they read as part of the application?
- Is there an essay or essays that are required? What are you looking for in the essay/essays?
- Do you have other requirements? SAT Subject tests? An ACT or SAT writing test?
- Are there any additional requirements for my major? Examples: Art- Portfolios, Theater/Music- Auditions, Nursing/Engineering- higher ACT/GPA.

Academic Questions

- Is the college public or private?
- What is the average class size and what is the student-to-faculty ratio?
- Do professors teach undergraduate courses, or do you use teaching assistants?
- Do you have lecture halls and what is your largest lecture hall or class size?
- Will I graduate in four years?
- What type of academic calendar do you use? (Examples: semesters, trimesters, January/May terms, quarters)
- Are faculty members easy to reach outside of class?
- Who will be my academic advisor?
- Do you accept AP credit and where can I get a list of the AP credit that is accepted?
- Are there undergraduate research opportunities available to me?
- What are some of your strongest academic programs?
- What percent of students attend graduate or professional school?
- What percent of students have jobs when they graduate or within 6 months of graduation?
- Is there an Honors Program and if so what are the requirements?
- Do you have the areas of study of interest to me?
- What types of programs are in place for undecided majors?
- What types of tutoring services are available and are they free?
- What types of academic, counseling, and career services are available to me?
- What types of services are available through your career placement center?

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Student Body

- What is your undergraduate enrollment?
- Do you have graduate programs? What is your graduate enrollment?
- What is the male/female ratio?
- What is the diversity like on campus? Cultural, religious, geographic, ect?
- What do students do for fun?
- Do most students stay on campus on the weekends?
- Do you have the extra-curricular activities that are of interest to me?
- What is the school spirit like on campus?
- Is there a Greek system? Is there a significant "Greek presence" on campus?
- What are some of the most popular student activities on campus?
- What percent of students complete internships? What are some of your internship opportunities?
- What percent of students study aboard and where?
- What percent of the students live on campus and what percentage commute?
- What are retention and graduation rates?

Campus

- Where is the campus located?
- What is the setting like- rural, suburban, urban, "college town"?
- How far away is the campus?
- How easy is it to get home and which means of transportation is best?
- What is the campus atmosphere on a daily basis?
- What types of housing are available?
- Is the campus compact or spread out? How long does it take to walk from one side of campus to the other? Is there a bus system?
- What are some special features of the campus?
- How can I schedule a visit to your campus?
- What types of jobs are available on campus?
- What are the classroom, housing, theater, athletic, library, lab facilities like on campus? (Ask about the ones of interest to you!)
- What computer and other specialized facilities are available for student use?
- What does the community or area have to offer where the campus is located?
- What is the relationship like between the college and the community?
- Safety- How safe is the campus? What programs are put into place?

Financial Aid

- What is the total cost for one year at your institution?
- Do you have a fixed tuition rate?
- What types of scholarships and financial aid are available?
- How do I go about applying for scholarships to your school?
- Do you require additional forms with the FAFSA for financial aid? (Examples: the CSS Profile, or a college's own institutional form for financial aid)
- What percent of students receive some form of financial aid?
- What is the average loan package?
- What is the average debt for students when they graduate?

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Covid Specific

- Is the school test optional? If so, discuss which is the best way to apply for admission and scholarships.
- What is the housing situation looking like this year?
- Is the school's campus open for in-person visits?
- How is the school delivering curriculum this year?
- Do students have a choice of learning in person or remotely?
- What safety measures are being put in place to keep students safe?
- Know the flexibility of payment dates in case of a last minute change of heart