

HELPFUL INFORMATION TO GATHER

Housing

- Possibility of doubling or tripling
- Number (and percent) of students living on campus
- Do a majority of students stay on campus on weekends?
- Co-ed dorms; by floors; by wing
- Microwaves; hot pads; irons; refrigerators
- Laundry facilities
- Landlines in room; voice mail; restrictions; high-speed internet; wireless
- Policies regarding drinking, smoking, pets, etc...
- Residential Assistant opportunities; Sophomore, Junior, or Senior year

Meal Plan

- Plan options / cost differences
- Number of dining rooms; locations; hours open
- Snack bars; locations; hours open

Security

- Campus lighting
- Courtesy vans; how often? How late?
- Operated by campus security staff or campus police department

Transportation

- Buses and trains; how far away? Can students walk to the station?
- Cars on campus for Freshmen; parking permit; fees
- Local mass transportation

Weather

- Average temperatures during school year
- Average snowfall

Academics

- Semesters vs. trimesters vs. quarters
- Average number of courses
- Average size of classes
- Courses taught by professors vs. teaching assistants
- How often do students meet with their advisors?
- Extra help and tutors
- Computer facilities
- What kind of work are students being assigned: papers, written exams, projects, portfolios, etc.?

Library

- Hours
- Consortium with other college library systems

Athletics

- NCAA-Division I, II, III, NAIA or Independent
- School spirit – spectator sports
- Intramural sports participation
- Sports facilities; pool, skating rink, racquetball courts, weight rooms, etc. for all students

Recreation

- Student center activities
- On-campus plays, shows, concerts; can non-majors participate?
- Off-campus facilities; how far away?
- Distance from skiing, boating, etc....

Shopping

- Groceries
- Malls

Fraternities & Sororities

- Number of each
- On-campus; off-campus houses
- Percent of student population who join

Work Study & Internships

- On-campus work-study jobs; employment process
- Internships in campus offices; who is eligible?
- Internships available in local companies; who is eligible?
- Career Placement office on-campus; effectiveness

Study Abroad

- Availability; what countries & universities
- Who can participate?
- Length of opportunities
- Costs

Religion

- Mandatory courses or services
- Opportunity to attend services on-campus; off-campus; how far?

Clubs & Organizations

- Students encouraged to join; percent of students participating?
- How many on-campus?

Other Things to Make Notes About

General campus layout and attitude of present students.

Ask tour guide to which other schools he/she applied. Why did he/she select this school?

Will tour guide's knowledge, friendliness and enthusiasm (or lack of) influence me a great deal about me possibly being a student at that school for the next few years?

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK

Admission Officers, Students, or Professors

What is unique about your institution?

What type of student usually succeeds here?

What are the most popular majors? Why?

What percentage of classes are taught by professors and what percentage by teaching assistants?

What percentage of students graduates in four years? Five years?

What percentage of students is from outside the college's immediate vicinity?

How diverse are they faculty/staff?

What percent of the students leave campus for the weekend?

Where do students live after their first year: in residence halls, in fraternity/sorority houses, or off campus?

What intramural sports are available?

What support services are available to students?

When does the academic calendar begin and end?

Is a personal interview on campus required?

Is there a benefit to applying EA, ED, or priority?

What percent of applicants are accepted early?

When will I get a response to my application?

How are the applications evaluated?

Which test scores are preferred?

Do you super score the ACT?

Do you recalculate applicant grade point averages? If so, how?

Is the Act writing score evaluated?

What do students on campus brag about?

How active is the social life?

What are student and campus traditions?

MORE QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK

Admission Officers, Students, or Professors

How safe is this campus?

What do students complain about most?

What types of services exist for personal and career counseling?

What type of advisement system is used here?

Who teaches introductory courses – professors or grad students?

What opportunities exist for independent study and study abroad?

What is considered a typical freshmen year schedule of courses?

Why is this a good college for me to study my intended major?

What if I am unsure about my major? Is this a good place to explore?

What are typical course requirements – exams, papers, projects, etc.?

What type of student seems the happiest here?

What are students' attitudes toward the college?

After graduation what do typical graduates of my chosen major do?

Is the campus comfortable with ethnic/racial/religious diversity?

What are some of the important college regulations for all students?

Other: