

Questions to Ask College Representatives at a College Fair or Campus Visit

Admissions and Costs

1. What are your admission requirements? How and when can I apply?
2. Which tests do you require for admissions? Which do you recommend?
3. What criteria are most important when you evaluate the application of a student?
4. I am considering majoring in _____ in college. Right now I am taking _____ (courses) in high school. Any suggestions on what I could do to improve my chances of being accepted at your school?
5. What is your school's tuition? What is the cost of additional expenses (books, supplies, fees, room and board, etc.)
6. What kind of financial aid is available, including scholarships?
7. Why should I choose your school over another similar one? What is special, distinctive, or outstanding about your school?

The Academic Environment

1. How intense is the academic atmosphere? (average hours spent studying, library full on weekends, etc.)
2. What is the average class size? Are classes taught by professors or graduate students?
3. What opportunity is there for independent study, study abroad, internships, receiving AP credit, transfer credits, etc.?
4. Is there an honors program?
5. How would I access career planning and placement, counseling, academic advising, support, writing labs? Who are the advisors?

The Campus and the Students

1. Is the college part of the surrounding community or set apart from it as a self-contained unit? If it is in a rural area, how far is the nearest town and how do students get there?
2. What is the campus like? (size, location, etc)
3. What is the make-up of the student body? (number of students enrolled, male/female ratio, from what state, commuter or residential, most popular majors, etc.)
4. What are some initial reactions of freshmen when they first came to the campus? What do juniors say are the strengths and weaknesses of the college?
5. What percent of students remain on campus on the weekends?
6. What is your freshmen orientation program?
7. What kinds of clubs, activities, and athletic teams does your school have? What percentage of students belongs to a fraternity or sorority?