

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE VISITING A COLLEGE

1. What is the average size of classes?
2. Do students have access to computers?
3. What kind of help is available to students? Career counseling? Job placement? Skills improvement?
4. Who are the best professors?
5. Who teaches the undergraduate courses? Are they usually taught by professors or by graduate students?
6. How easy is it for freshmen to get the classes they want?
7. How diverse is the student body?
8. What percent of Freshmen return for their sophomore year?
9. What support services are offered to help students?
10. What percent of each year's entering class graduates from the school?
11. What three things would you change about the school?
12. What is a reasonable course load?
13. What types of meal plans are available?
14. How good is the food in the dining facilities?
15. Are there co-ed residence halls or floors (where both men and women live)?
16. Are there halls or floors where only women or only men are allowed?
17. Are special living arrangements available? Such as language houses or "greek houses"?
Residence halls that offer special opportunities, such as resident artist or special courses?
Quiet floors?
18. How do students get around – car, bike, bus, on foot?
19. Are you allowed to have a car on campus?
20. What is it like on weekends?

21. What clubs and activities are available?
22. What is available off-campus (restaurants, stores, job opportunities)?
23. What are the costs besides tuition?
24. Is there anything important I should see before I leave?
25. What do you like best about the school? What do you like least?

Take notes and pictures, and then trust your instincts. Pay attention to how you feel, especially your first impression. Is this where you want to live and go to school for four years? Drive through surrounding neighborhoods and get a feel for the community. Make notes to jog your memory when decision time comes and if something catches your interest follow up with a phone call or email.