

College Visits 101

It is important that you visit college campuses as part of your college exploration journey.

Before you visit:

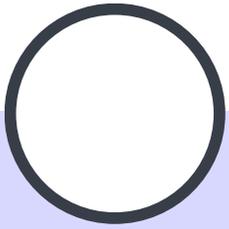
- Do a little research! Find out a bit about the school
- Determine what is important to you. Create a want/need list
- Make a list of questions you want to ask on your visit

During your visit:

- Document your impressions/take pictures:
 - What things did you like?
 - What didn't you like?
 - What would you like to learn more about?
- Do you see yourself being part of the school community?

After your visit:

- Review your notes and compare it to your want/need list.
 - What questions arose after your visit?
 - Did the school offer what you were looking for?
- Would it be helpful to visit the school a second time or do an overnight visit?



Things to Do On Your Visit

Take A Tour:

- What do you notice about the campus?
 - What housing options do they have?
 - Do they have the amenities you want?

Ask Your Tour Guide:

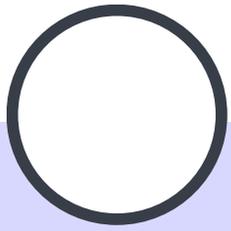
- What made you choose this school?
- What is your favorite thing about this school?
- What activities/clubs are available to students?
- What do students do outside the classroom? On the weekend?
 - What is the student to faculty ratio?
 - What is the graduation rate?

Talk to an Admissions Representative:

- What percentage of students who apply are accepted?
 - What makes an application stand out?
- On average, how much financial aid do students receive?
 - What is the retention rate?

Explore the Community:

- How integrated is the campus with the community?
- What types of activities/entertainment does the community have?
 - Eating? Shopping?
 - Do you feel comfortable in the city/town?



Things to Think About

Check out the classes

Sit in on a class. Get a feel for the classes and the teaching styles.

Who teaches the introductory classes, professors or teaching assistants/graduate students?

Do you prefer large lectures? Small classes? Discussion based?

Find out what the sleeping/living options are

Do you feel comfortable with the options? Can you see yourself living there?

Do all freshmen live on campus?

What percentage of students stay on campus for all four years?

Try the food!

What meal plans are available? Do you foresee yourself using it?

Are the dining services open 7 days a week? If not, what other options are available?

Career and Academic Advising

Find out what types of services are provided

Academic advising and tutoring

Job and Career assistance,

Disability services

Sports and Student Life/Organizations

What are you interested in joining?

Does the school offer activities you are looking for?

Transportation

How will you get around campus and the community?

Does the college allow freshmen to bring vehicles? Do you need one?