

# Questions to Ask During a College Visit

## Ask About Academics...

1. What majors or programs do you offer? What is the most popular?
2. What is the largest class size? The smallest?
3. What percentage of your students graduate? Four years? Five?
4. Do you have internship programs?
5. Will I have an advisor to help me with scheduling?
6. How difficult is it to get the schedule I need?
7. Is tutoring available?
8. What type of internships are available?
9. Are there study abroad opportunities?
10. How are faculty advisors assigned?
11. What is the student to faculty ratio?
12. Are you on the quarter or semester system?

## Ask About Admissions...

1. Do you have an enrollment deadline?
2. What standards do you use for acceptance?
3. What is the average GPA of incoming freshman?
4. Do you have early decision or early admissions? Is it binding or non-binding? When must I decide by?
5. Do you require SAT Subject tests?
6. Do you accept Advanced Placement courses?
7. When would I be notified if I have been admitted?
8. When must I choose my major?
9. When may I tour the campus?

## Ask About Financial Aid...

1. What type of financial aid is available?
2. How do I apply for financial aid?
3. Do you have a financial aid deadline?
4. Depending on need does financial aid also include room & board? Or is it straight tuition only?
5. Are there scholarships available through your college?
6. Do you take scholarship money off of tuition or off of remaining money due after financial aid is determined?
7. What is the total cost of my program including books, fees & tuition?

## Ask About Student Life...

1. What type of housing is available? Is it guaranteed?
2. How are roommates selected?
3. How does the meal plan work?
4. Are students required to live on campus?
5. How many students are enrolled at your college?
6. What is the average class size? What is the largest?
7. Is there ample parking? How much does it cost?
8. Do you have student organizations, socials, and activities? For example, a pep band and a jazz band?

### **Ask About Job Placement Assistance...**

1. What type of job placement assistance do you offer?
2. Do you offer part-time job assistance?
3. What kinds of campus jobs are available for first-year students?
4. What is your placement rate?
5. What types of jobs are your graduates getting?

### **Ask About Technology...**

1. Does each student have access to a computer during class time?
2. Can I take any of my classes online?
3. Will I have access to the Intranet & e-mail?

### **When you talk to students, ask...**

1. How many hours a week do you study? Is that typical here?
2. Are faculty members interested in students and accessible outside of class?
3. Do many students go home on weekends?
4. Are the athletic facilities open to all students or only to athletes?
5. Is it possible to study in your dorm room?
6. Is the food good?
7. Are campus jobs readily available?
8. Is there easy access to computers? Where are they located?
9. What's the library like as a place to study? To do research?
10. What do you like most about this college? Least?
11. How easy is it to get the classes you want?
12. If you could change something about this school, what would it be?

### **If you attend a class, ask yourself...**

1. Are students prepared for the class? Do they seem interested in the material?
2. Do I feel that the students are learning - either new facts or new ways of thinking about a subject?
3. Is there time for questions and discussion? Do students participate?
4. Am I intellectually challenged by what is taking place in the class?
5. Is there good rapport between professors and students?

### **As you tour the campus, ask yourself...**

1. Are the buildings in good repair and are the grounds well-kept?
2. Are the residence halls pleasant and quiet enough to study in? Are there laundry and kitchen facilities?
3. What's the cafeteria like?
4. Are computers and lab equipment up-to-date and plentiful?
5. What's the surrounding town or city like?
6. Will I need a car to get around? May I have a car on campus? (ie John's Hopkins is no to freshman)
7. Does public transportation provide easy and safe access to the campus and the community?
8. If you are interested in any extra-curricular activities ask about them and try to see the facilities.

### **In an interview or information session, you could ask...**

1. Does the college have academic programs that fit my interests?
2. Will I have access to special equipment (such as an electron microscope) as a first-year student?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the college's advising system?
4. How many students will there be in courses I'm likely to take in my first year? Are those courses taught by professors or graduate assistants?
5. Will there be any new programs or facilities in the next two years?