

Making the Best of College Visits

Important Questions for Admission Counselors

WHO attends the college or university?

Ask about special characteristics (Gender, Race, Religion and Total Population). You want to make sure that the college or university of choice is a good fit to your academic, cultural, personal, religious and social needs.

WHAT are the admission criteria?

Ask about college admission requirements (GPA, test scores, high school courses, etc.).

Ask guidance for accurate class rank and GPA information.

Ask for special admission criteria for academic majors and honors college programs, etc.

WHEN should I apply?

Ask for application deadlines and fee waivers. Several recruiters are allowed to waive application fees upon request.

WHERE do I call for specific department and/or major information?

Housing – Explore housing accommodations and criteria.

- Is housing provided?
- Is there a separate application/deposit?
- Are student in same sex or co-ed dormitories?

Financial Aid – Seek the assistance of the college/university financial aid counselor for additional assistance and information.

Student Activities – Explore opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities: athletics, Greek life, student government, etc.

Personal/Group Tours – Visit the campus before making your final decision.

HOW much is the cost of attendance?

Review the annual cost of attendance (tuition/fees, room & board, books & supplies, personal expenses, travel, etc.). Ask financial aid counselor for available financial assistance (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.).

WHY should I attend your institution?

Ask about special department/major programs admission criteria. These may include programs for ethnic minorities, gender, socioeconomic status or other special populations and circumstances.

- What are your most popular majors?
- What is the average graduation rate?
- What is the average employment and placement rate?
- Is a career center available to help with employment and internship opportunities?
- How much technology is available for student use on your campus? (Computers, lap-tops, telephones, etc.)