

36 Questions to Ask on a College Visit

When touring campuses, consider these questions to ask colleges. **ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO** learn more about colleges is to visit their campuses.

When you're on a college campus, be sure to slow down and ask a lot of questions. Ideally, you'll want to talk with more than just the admissions staff. Stop a few students during your stay and ask them what they like and don't like about their school. If you can talk to a professor or two, even better.

Questions About Academics

- How much time do students typically spend on homework?
- How much writing and reading are expected?
- What is the average class size of introductory classes?
- How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus?
- What is the average class size of upper-division courses?

Questions About Academic Perks

- What opportunities are there for undergraduate research?
- How many students participate in undergraduate research?
- Is there a culminating senior year experience?
- Do you have an honors college?
- Do you have a learning community or other freshman experience?

Financial Aid Questions

- What is your average financial aid package?
- What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants?
- What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet?
- What is the average merit award?
- What percentage of students receive college grants?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?

Questions About Graduation Track Record

- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- What is your five-year graduation rate?
- What does it take to graduate in four years?
- What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?

Academic Support Questions

- What type of tutoring program do you have?
- How do you provide academic advice to students?
- Do you have a writing center and how do I access it?

- What kind of learning disability resources do you have?

Questions About Outside Opportunities

- How many students at the college get internships?
- What percentage of students study abroad?
- What type of career services do you have?

Student Life Questions

- What kind of dorm choices are there?
- What percentage of students live on campus?
- How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?
- How many students live off campus?
- Do most students go home on the weekend?
- What percentage of the study body belongs to a sorority or fraternity?
- What activities are offered to students?
- What clubs do you have on campus?

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