

# Questions to Ask When Visiting a College

## Academic Questions:

Are courses readily available to the students?  
When must I declare a major?  
How difficult is it to change my major?  
What is the average class size?  
Do professors or graduate students teach courses?  
Is the college on semesters or quarters?  
Does the college have a study abroad program?  
What about internships related to my major?  
Will I need my own computer?  
What is the percentage of students getting jobs after they graduate.  
What is the percentage of freshmen returning for sophomore year?  
What percentage graduates in four years?

## Non-Academic Questions:

What percentage of students lives on campus?  
What is the availability of dorms for freshman?  
What kinds of extracurricular activities does the college offer?  
What do the students do on weekends?  
How is the food? If necessary, ask about special dietary accommodations such as being a vegetarian, which meal plan is most often used by freshman?  
What is available for students in the surrounding community?  
Are there shuttles or buses for students?  
Ask a student, "What do you like best about being here"? and "What do you like least"?  
Will I be able to see a dorm room on my tour? Ask a student, "Why did you choose this college"?

## To-Do List for College Visits:

- Take a campus tour. Students usually lead tours. Look online for information regarding campus tours.
- Check reports regarding campus safety.
- If classes are in session, see if you can sit in on one.
- Eat a meal in the dining hall.
- Pick up copies of the campus newspaper and other publications.
- Be sure to see a dorm room, library, computer center, dining hall, student union, academic facilities, and performing arts facilities.