



Visiting a College Campus

Helpful Tips to Make the Most of Your Visit



Research before you arrive

Checking out the school's website and social media can give you a great insight into what happens on campus. Bring questions that will allow you to learn more about life as a student.

Visit when students are on campus

This is the best way to get a sense of what the school will feel like when you are there.

Make a checklist

- Visit the academic department(s) you are interested in
- Meet with admissions to learn about their requirements and process
- Meet with financial aid to hear about your options
- Check out a dorm room
- Check out some classrooms
- Get your specific questions answered

Eat at the dining hall

Check out what choices they have, not only in the dining hall, but also other food options on and around campus.

Explore the surrounding area

What is the community like? Take a stroll downtown, or in the nearest city or town. Can you see yourself calling this place your home away from home?

Focus on what's important to you

Be sure to ask questions about the topics and activities that are most important to you. If you are looking to be an athlete, performer, or artist, make sure to check out these activities when you visit campus. Go to a game or show, and see if you will enjoy that atmosphere.

Sample Questions

Asking your tour guide questions will give you a better understanding of campus life. Here are some sample questions, but feel free to ask about anything that interests you!

- What do students typically do on weekends? Do they stay on campus?
- What kind of on-campus events are held throughout the year?
- Do you enjoy living on campus?
- How do students tend to make friends and form social groups? What brings students together?
- Can you have a car on campus?
- What types of activities are you involved with?
- What student clubs and organizations are there?
- How accessible are professors outside of class time?
- What is a typical class size?
- Are there study abroad programs?
- Are there major and program-specific internship opportunities?

