

## **College Advisor Questions**

- What is your current Cost Of Attendance?
- What is your student to staff ratio?
- Do you have to live on campus as a freshman?
- Do your majors offer internships?
- Can you have a car on campus?
- What are your freshman dorms like?
- Is freshman housing guaranteed?
- What are your student life activities?  
Weekend activities?
- Do you have sororities and fraternities?
- Do you offer campus transportation for off-sight activities?
- What are your dining and meal plans?
- Do you offer minors or dual major programs?
- What are your average merit aid scholarship amounts?
- What food options are available on campus?
- Deadlines for applications or financial aid?
- Do you offer work study programs?
- What % of students graduate in 4 years?
- Is financial aid available for students who take a 5<sup>th</sup> year?
- Can we visit and attend classes?

# 10 Tips for College Visits

## **1) Learn about the college before you visit**

Read materials from the college and check out their website. You can request information about a school from their website or by calling the admissions office.

## **2) Evaluate the environment of the campus – GO THERE!**

An in-person campus visit is essential to making the correct college choice. Is it crowded? Which size campus do you prefer? Does the campus feel safe? Is the campus easy to navigate? Does the school have my major? What about my 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of major?

## **3) Visit the admissions office and meet a counselor**

The college probably has an admissions representative for your high school. Make it a point to meet them. This person will be an important contact when you apply and will assist you throughout the admissions process.

## **4) Check out the dorms**

A big selling point for many students is the comfort level and safety of the dorms. Ask to see the dorms! Ask about housing options for freshmen. What is the roommate selection procedure?

Is housing guaranteed? Can you live on AND off campus?

## **5) Take a student-led campus tour**

Take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions about campus life from a peer. Not all schools offer student-led tours. If they do not offer them, don't be afraid to ask questions. In fact, bring those questions with you on the tour!

**6) Arrange a campus meeting with a academic advisor or coach**

Do not waste an opportunity to tell your potential department head/advisor/instructor about your academic goals. If you are planning on playing a sport, meet a coach and discuss your goals. Find out what courses you will need to complete for your major. Know your requirements!

**7) Sit in on a class (preferably a class related to your major)**

Not all schools offer this, but it is worth asking about. You can get a look at potential class sizes and content by sitting in on a class.

**8) Check out the library**

Find out if the college library meets your needs. Does it have what you need for research projects related to your major? Is it a quiet place to study? Does it have computer access, copying, and printing access? Is it crowded?

**9) Look into life beyond academics**

Research what your college offers in the way of clubs, activities, attending sporting events, intermurals, club level sports, fitness activities, entertainment and more. What is there to do when you aren't studying? What about activities on the weekend?

**10) Sample the food and ask about dining plans**

Ever heard of the freshman 15? That is the weight gain you may experience when you live on campus and eat poorly. Find out what your college has to offer for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (and maybe even late night snacks). Schools offer a myriad of dining plans that cover just about any food option you can imagine. Is there a Starbucks? If not, where is the nearest location? Does the school offer dining options for people with food allergies? Make it a point to eat on campus.