

WHAT SHOULD I ASK ON A CAMPUS VISIT?"

(Ask these questions to a college representative, too!)

1. What is the average GPA of an entering freshman? ACT or SAT score?
2. What is the faculty-student ratio in my major?
3. What is the average class size for an introductory course?
4. How is admission to the college determined?
5. What is the average drop-out rate? What types of reasons do the students give?
6. Do you have a Career Placement Program and/or facilities?
7. What is the school's overall placement rate? What is it in my intended major?
8. What varsity sports are played? Intramural sports?
9. Do you award athletic scholarships?
10. What percentage of students belong to a fraternity or sorority?
11. What kind of orientation program is there? When is it held?
12. Will I be assigned a faculty advisor? How often will we meet?
13. What do you consider the school's top three programs?
14. What makes this college special?
15. What percent of Financial Aid is a student awarded based on his or her need...60%, 80% or 100%...might financial aid assist in paying travel expenses?
16. Explain the aid breakdown the freshman year, and after.
17. What is the percent of total students attending that received aid?
18. What type of work-study is offered?
19. Is there any co-op program offered?
20. What percent of freshmen students return after the first term, quarter or semester?
21. What do the dormitories offer as educational services (i.e., computer terminals, tutors, etc.)?
22. What are the percent of minorities at your institution?
23. What type of library facilities are available? How crowded are the study carrels?
24. Are there any remedial courses offered in case I have not met all of the requirements?
25. What are your rules regarding smoking, drinking, eating, hours, cars?

THINGS TO OBSERVE WHILE ON CAMPUS...

1. Bookstore
2. Student Center
3. Dormitories (provision for privacy)
4. Posters/announcements about campus activities
5. Campus overcrowded/deserted? (access to academic and athletic facilities)
6. Places to eat on campus?
7. Categorize observations: social atmosphere, intellectual atmosphere, campus life