

College Visits



Getting The Most Out Of Your Visit

- ▶ Try to visit when classes are in session.
 - Ask to sit in on a class.
- ▶ If you are traveling far, ask if the school will let you stay overnight in a dorm room. They may do this for you, but not your parents.
 - At least ask to see the housing options.
 - How many students per room, etc?
- ▶ Ask for a meal voucher. You should test the food.

Maximizing Your Visit (cont.)

- ▶ Take the campus tour. More than likely they will have a student give you a guided tour.
- ▶ Whether or not you get a tour guide, talk to students you meet.
 - Are they happy there?
 - Did they start there or transfer in? Why did they decide to go there?
 - Do they like the classes, professors, etc.?

Maximizing Your Visit (cont.)

- ▶ Visit all of the campus resources.
 - Library.
 - Computer labs.
 - Tutor/Support Center.
 - Gym.
 - Student Center.
 - ▶ What activities are there?
 - Check the hours and availability on all.

Maximizing Your Visit (cont.)

- ▶ Visit the campus Placement Office
 - How many graduates are placed each year?
 - How many are placed in their major?

Important Questions to Ask

- ▶ What percentage of students live on campus?
- ▶ Do freshman need to live on campus?
- ▶ Can freshman have a car?
- ▶ What about parking?
- ▶ Do they have a study abroad program?
- ▶ Is there an honors program?
- ▶ Ask for campus security statistics.

Important Questions to Ask

- ▶ How many students are in your major?
- ▶ What is the retention rate?
 - That is, how many freshman come back?
- ▶ What is the student/teacher ratio?
- ▶ What percentage of classes are taught by professors? (The rest are most likely taught by graduate assistants.)
- ▶ What percentage of students in your major are placed in their field?

Important Questions to Ask

- ▶ What are the opportunities for undergraduate research?
- ▶ Are internships available?
- ▶ Is there a student organization for your major? (Join it!)
- ▶ What extra-curricular activities are available on campus?

Name:

	School 1	School 2	School 3	School 4	School 5	School 6
Size of Community						
Distance from Home						
Dorms/Parking						
Tuition Cost						
Financial Aid/Deadline						
Students in Major						
Retention Rate						
# Grads in this Major Placed in their Major						
Student Support Svcs						
Application Deadline						
Scholarship Deadline						

	School 1	School 2	School 3	School 4	School 5	School 6
Extra-Curricular						
Computer/Technology Integration						
Undergrad Research						
Co-Op/Internships						
Study Abroad Programs (%students)						
Student/Professor Ratio(%classes taught by TA's)						
Honors Program						
Additional Comments						

Notes/Questions