

Questions to Ask a College Representative

The Basics

1. How many students attend?
2. How much does it cost?
3. What financial aid or scholarship opportunities are available? (academic, athletic) If so, how do I apply?
4. Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants, and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages.
5. How diverse is the campus population?
6. What international study programs do you offer?
7. How many of your students choose to attend graduate or professional school?
8. What internship, research, or service learning opportunities do you have for undergraduate students?
9. What are some special features of your campus? What is your school known for?

Academics

1. Do you have the major in which I am interested?
2. When must I choose a major?
3. What is the job placement rate after graduation within my major?
4. What is the average class size? Will my first year classes be close to the average?
5. What is the student to faculty ratio?
6. How many students actually obtain their degrees within 4 years? 5 years? 6 years?
7. Will professors teach my undergraduate courses, or do you use teaching assistants/ graduate students?
8. What student services are offered? (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)?
9. How are the libraries, computer labs?
10. Will I have an academic advisor?

Residential Life

1. What are my housing options my first year? After my first year?
2. Is student housing guaranteed for four years?

3. Can first year students have a car on campus?
4. What security measures do you have in place?
5. How does your meal plan work?
6. What do students do for fun on campus? In the community?
7. Do students usually stay on campus for the weekends?
8. What kind of orientation program do you have in place for first year students?

Activities

1. Do you offer the varsity sports that I want to play?
2. What intramural or recreational sports are available?
3. How are the sports facilities?
4. What choir, band, or theater opportunities are available?
5. What religious organizations exist on campus?
6. Are there fraternities and sororities? How many students are involved?

Admissions

1. What do I need to include in my application?
2. What standardized test scores do you require?
3. What are your important deadlines for admission?
4. Are there interviews? Group or individual?
5. How can I arrange a campus visit? May I visit overnight?
6. Do you accept Advanced Placement credit?
7. When can I expect to hear back from you regarding my admission status?
8. How do students track the status of their application and/ on enrollment status?
9. Who should I contact if I think of additional questions?
10. How do colleges contact students about their status/ requests for additional information/ test scores?