



CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

A campus visit will allow you to see the college, as well as learn specific information that will help you make an informed decision about the school.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT:

Research the college to find out:

- If they offer the major you want to pursue.
- Where the school is located, i.e., in the city, the country, or the suburbs.
- The size of the school.
- The school's reputation; a number of reports are available online that rank colleges and universities based on a number of areas, i.e., cost, size, type, etc.
- Extracurricular sports and activities offered.
- The background of its faculty in your field of interest.
- Schedule an appointment with someone from admissions and/or financial aid and a representative from the department that offers the major you are thinking of pursuing.

DURING YOUR VISIT:

For the department offering your major ask:

- How large are class sizes (for general curriculum classes and in specific majors)?
- What is the student/teacher ratio?
- What is the graduation rate of students in the department?
- What types of jobs do students get after graduation? How many students get jobs after graduation?
- What are the types of courses you would have to take? Which ones are most difficult?
- Who should you go to if you need support for making class selections?
- Are there internships or work study programs you can participate in while in college that will help you gain experience in your field?

For financial aid/admissions ask:

- What are the admission standards? Figure out if you would be accepted to the school based on your grades and activities.
- When should you apply? When and how will acceptance notifications be distributed?
- Are there any scholarships you can apply for or are qualified for? If so, how can you apply?
- What type of financial aid is available for students? When and how can you apply for that aid? When will notices of aid be distributed?

While you are touring the campus:

- Visit a dormitory.
- Visit the cafeteria.
- Visit the student center.
- Visit the tutoring/academic success center.
- Visit the library.
- Visit the volunteer center, which is where students go to sign up for volunteer activities; getting involved will help you feel like a part of the college and local community. Additionally, staying connected helps encourage students to complete their college degrees.
- Sit in on a class if possible; if not, visit classroom buildings.
- Drive through the area surrounding the campus.
- Talk to current students about what they do or do not like about the campus.
- Get a copy of the student newspaper and other college brochures to refer to later.
- Find out about on-campus recreational activities and student clubs.
- Spend as much time as possible on the campus and ask LOTS of questions.