



College Preparation Toolkit

College Campus Visits

No matter how many brochures you read or Web sites you visit, nothing tells you more about a college than visiting its campus in person. You can learn a lot by asking questions and getting a “feel” for the campus climate. Here’s a list to get you started.

Campus Visitation

1. Do you have a campus tour?
2. May potential students stay overnight in a resident hall? May visitors eat in a food service unit?
3. May visitors sit in on a class?

Admission

1. What is the grade point required for entry?
2. Do you require ACT or SAT? What score is needed?
3. How is admission determined?

General Information

1. How large is the campus?
2. What is the faculty-student ratio?
3. What is the typical class size?

Cost and Financial Aid

1. What is the basic cost (tuition, fees, room and board)?
2. What amount should be estimated for books and supplies?
3. How do I apply for financial aid? What forms do I need?

Student Life

1. Do all freshmen live in a residence hall?
2. What are the halls like? How many students share a room?
3. When may students move off campus?
4. Can students have a car on campus?

Activities

1. What activities are available?
2. Are there sororities and fraternities?
3. Is there an intramural program?

Academic Support

1. What academic supports are available to struggling students?