

● Important Questions to Ask on Your College Visit

● *Presented by Performance Prep*

About Academics

1. Aside from grades, courses, rank, and test scores, what are the most important factors you look for in your applicants? interests, institutional needs, essays, recommendations, and interviews? How important are each of these factors?
2. How much of your freshman class do you fill Early Decision? (binding)
3. Do you offer Early Action? (non-binding)
4. Is the college/university accredited?
5. How many students return after their freshman year?
6. What percentage of students graduate in four years or less?
7. Which academic programs on campus are the most popular?
8. Does this college offer the major that interests me?
9. What is the academic profile of a student in my major of interest? (Majors such as engineering, business, and nursing often require higher academic scores.)
10. How easy is it to change majors?
11. Will my AP/previous college credits transfer?
12. What are the largest classes I could have as a freshman or sophomore? How many large classes can I expect?
13. Who teaches the freshman classes? Teaching Assistants? Graduate Assistants? Will I get enough contact with and/or attention from them?
14. How easy is it to get the courses I want at the times that are convenient for me?
15. (If this applies to you) Are there any special support services if I am a special needs student (ADD, ADHD, LD, etc.)? How do these support services function and are there any additional costs charged for these services?



16. Is there an Honor Code? How does it operate?
17. Is there an Honors Program for talented students? How do I qualify?
18. What percentage of students successfully apply to graduate school versus graduate with jobs?
19. What kind of career planning services are available?
20. What does the school do to help graduates find jobs?
21. Does the school provide free job placement services?
22. What percentage of graduates find jobs within a few months after graduating?
23. What percentage of graduates find jobs in the field they studied for?

About Student Life and Social/Recreational Opportunities

1. What percentage of the students are male/female?
2. How diverse is the campus?
3. What percentage of students are commuters?
4. What portion of the student body lives on campus? What portion of the student body remains on campus for the weekends?
5. What activities do students participate in during their free time both on campus (school sponsored) and in the community?
6. Does the campus have a Greek system of fraternities and sororities? If so, what percent of the student body participates in Greek life? Are parties open? How do students who elect not to participate in the Greek system fit in?
7. What are the most popular extracurricular activities?
8. What student organizations are active on campus?
9. What intramural sports are on campus?
10. Where is the central gathering place for students?
11. What transportation options are available to and from campus, both for trips just outside campus and for treks to transportation centers for trips home?
12. Can freshmen have cars on campus? What is the fee for having a car on campus?
13. Is it easy to get around campus? Can I walk to and from classes?
14. Are there parent or sibling events so your family can be a part of your college experience?



4. What percent of entering freshmen receive aid? What was the average freshman aid package?
5. Is there a way aid is packaged, loans first for example? If I am unhappy with my aid package, is it negotiable?
6. If I demonstrate need, will the school be able to prepare a financial aid package that will meet 100% of my demonstrated need?
7. Will outside scholarships affect the amount of aid the school will offer me?
8. What types of payment plans exist for paying the Estimated Family Contribution?
9. How easy is it to find a job on campus? Are there work-study programs available?
10. What kind of refund can I get if I have to suddenly drop out or cancel some of my courses?

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