

Questions to Ask on College Visits

Student/Alumni Interview



Ask to talk with a student during your college tour or arrange to speak with an alumnus. Ask a school counselor or community member if they know anyone who went to your college of interest and to connect you with them.

If given the opportunity to talk with a current student or alum, ask them any of the questions from the Questions to Ask on College Visits list, but also consider asking about their personal experiences. For example:

- What do you wish you had known going into your freshman year?
- What do you wish you had asked on a campus tour when you were in my place?
- What's a typical weekday like for you? Weekend?
- What surprised you about campus life here?
- Is there anything you wish you had done differently to improve your experience here?
- What's your favorite spot you've discovered on campus?
- Have there been any recent student protests? What were they protesting, and how did staff and faculty respond? Did you feel like freedom of speech was protected?
- Do you feel safe walking around at night? What kind of safety measures are in place?
- What are some of the most popular extracurricular activities, and why do you think they are so popular?
- How would you describe the campus climate? Tolerant? Peaceful? Civically active? Familial?
- How/Are students encouraged to vote? Is there a campus voting site? What about transportation? Registration?
- What kind of food does the dining hall serve? Are there different options? How is it, really? Does the dining hall accommodate special dietary restrictions?
- Are some majors or departments considered stronger or more popular than others?
- Are there any especially popular classes or must-have professors?
- How would you describe the freshman experience, in terms of advising or any classes that everyone has to take?
- Do the professors hold office hours? How often can students interact with professors outside of class? Do they also serve as academic advisors?

What do you think?

Questions were compiled from the following sources:

<https://blog.prepscholar.com/good-questions-to-ask-on-a-college-tour>

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/slideshows/5-questions-minority-applicants-should-ask-during-a-campus-visit?slide=12>