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? Civilly 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?

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