36 Questions to Ask College Representatives

Academics

—How much time do students typically spend on homework?

—How much writing and reading is expected?

—What is the average class size of introductory classes?

—How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus?

—What is the average class size of major specific courses?

Academic Perks

—What opportunities are there for undergraduate research?

—How many students participate in undergraduate research?

—Do you have an honors college?

—Do you have a learning community or other freshman experience?

Financial Aid

—What is your average financial aid package?

—What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants?

—What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet?

—What is the average merit award?

—What percentage of students receive college grants?

—What is the average college debt that students leave with?

—What work-study opportunities are there?

Graduation Track Record

—What is your four-year graduation rate?

—What is your five-year graduation rate?

—What does it take to graduate in four years?

—What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?

Academic Support

—What type of tutoring programs do you have?

—How do you provide academic advice to students?

—Do you have a writing center and how do I access it?

—What kind of learning disability resources do you have?

—How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?

Outside Opportunities

—How many students at the college get internships? What is the process for this?

—What percentage of students study abroad?

—What type of career services do you have?

Student Life

—What kind of dorm choices are there?

—What percentage of students live on campus?

—How many students live on campus?

—Do most students go home on the weekend?

—What percentage of the study body belongs to a sorority or fraternity?

—What activities are offered to students?

—What clubs do you have on campus?