



Tips for College Visits & College Rep Meetings

Top tips for college visits (some ideas are contingent on Covid protocols):

- Sign up for a visit via the college's admissions page on their website.
- Go when classes are in session, if possible, to get a sense of what the atmosphere is really like.
- If possible, attend an open house event for a more comprehensive experience.
- If possible, attend a class or ask to meet a professor in your field. If you want to major in music, ask for a lesson. If you're an athlete, ask to meet the coach.
- Check out bulletin boards and pick up a student newspaper for insight into the activities & issues students are participating in/discussing.
- Eat lunch on campus (watch student behavior).
- "Snoop" around on your own: talk to random students, walk through the academic building of your future major and the library, wander the grounds to get a feel for the place.

Questions to ask during a visit / when talking to a rep:

Student tour guide (or random students you meet on campus):

- What other colleges did you apply to and why did you pick this school?
- What has been your favorite class? Why?
- How large was/is your largest class and how small was/is your smallest?
- What do students do for fun? What are weekends like?
- Does the college have any unique traditions?
- What surprised you most when you came here as a freshman?
- What off-campus opportunities have you had (study abroad, internships, etc.)?
- What is the food like? The residence halls?
- Do you feel safe on campus?
- How helpful has your college advisor been to you? How often do you meet with your advisor?
- If there was one thing you could change about the college, what would it be?

College reps:

- What is unique about this particular college?
- What types of students are happiest/most successful here? What kinds of students are you looking for?
- What impresses you most in a college application?
- As a first-year student, will I be taught by a professor or by a graduate student?
- What businesses, corporations, schools, and employers actively recruit your graduates?
- Talk to me about outcomes for students in my major.
- What percentage of your students graduates in four years?
- What percentage of your pre-professional (law, medicine, veterinary, phys. therapy, etc.) students is admitted to grad schools?
- Is tutoring help available for me if I fall behind or miss classes for some reason? How about counseling?
- How does your career services office support students? Describe your study abroad opportunities.
- Talk to me about your campus crime statistics.
- How many students live on campus after Freshman year?
- What is the average debt for your students after four years?