



# Campus Visit Checklist



*(take this with you on your campus tour)*

**Visiting a college campus helps** you get a sense of what the college, and life at that college is like. (Try to go on a day when students will be around!)

This can help you decide whether the college is **right for you**.

When planning your campus visits, make sure to **allow time to explore each college**. While you're there, talk to as many people as possible. These can include college admission staff, professors, coaches and students.

Below are some **other things you can do while visiting**. **NOTE:** that some activities, such as meeting with an admission officer or staying overnight in a dorm, might need to be set up in advance.

## GATHER INFORMATION:

Find out what you need to do to apply and see if the college's class & major offerings are what you want:

- **Meet with an admission counselor.**
- Pick up financial aid forms and meet with a **financial aid representative**.
- **Sit in on a class that interests you.** If classes aren't in session, just see what the classrooms are like.
- Meet a **professor** who teaches a subject that interests you.
- **Talk to students** about what they think of their classes and professors.
- Get the names of the people you meet and their **business cards** so you can contact them later if you have questions.

## EXPLORE THE CAMPUS:

Get a feel for student life and see if this college is a place where you will succeed:

- Take a **campus tour**. (Very important and also a **GREAT chance to ask questions**)
- Talk to **current students** about life on campus and the college.
- Check out the freshmen dorms and **stay overnight** with a student, **if possible**.
- **Visit** the dining hall, fitness center, library, career center, bookstore and other campus facilities.
- Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.

# CHECK OUT CAMPUS MEDIA:

Tune in to learn what's happening on campus and what's on students' minds:

- Read the student newspaper.
- Read other **student publications**, such as department newsletters, alternative newspapers and literary reviews.
- Scan **bulletin boards** to see what **daily student** life is like.
- Go to the **career center** and learn what services it offers.
- **Browse the school's website and any campus blogs.**

# Questions to Ask During Your Visit

Here are some questions you may want to ask your tour guide or students you meet on campus:

- What are the best reasons to go to this college?
- What's it like to go from high school to college?
- What do you do in your free time? On the weekends?
  - What do you love about this college?
- What do you wish you could change about this college?
  - Why did you choose this college?
- What is it like to live here?