

# Top Questions to Guide you to the Perfect College

Talking with admissions counselors is a great way to help you find the perfect college match. They're there to help you learn all about their school, so don't be shy about asking questions. Below are some questions that will help you research each school.

## BASIC INFORMATION:

1. What do students seem to like best about your school?
2. Can you describe the community on campus?
3. What is your favorite part of campus?
4. Is there a feeling of school spirit on campus?
5. What do they find most challenging?
6. What type of students tend to do best at your school?
7. What is the student-to-faculty ratio?
8. How diverse is your student population?
9. What percentage of students come from out of state? or from out of the country?
10. What is the average class size?
11. Does your school have a religious affiliation?
12. What percentage of students graduate in four years?
13. What percentage of students get a job in their field after graduation?
14. Do you offer online courses?
15. In your opinion, what makes the university stand out?

## PAYING FOR COLLEGE:

1. What is the tuition.. for in-state students?...for out-of-state students? ...for international students?
2. What does one semester of school cost on average?
3. What percentage of students receive financial aid?
4. What types of scholarships are available?
5. Do you cover application fees for students who financially qualify?
6. Do you offer work study?
7. Do many students work off campus? How far is it to town?

## STUDENT LIFE:

1. Can you tell me what there is to do on campus? off campus?
2. What are some of the more popular student clubs?
3. What are the different types of student housing?
4. Are students required to live on campus?
5. If not, what percentage of students live on campus?
6. Is campus housing guaranteed?
7. Can I have a car on campus?
8. How large of a presence do fraternities and sororities have on campus?
9. What kind of facilities, such as fitness centers, does the campus have?

## ADMISSIONS:

1. What makes a student stand out when applying?
2. Do you accept the Common App?
3. Do you have an early application deadline? Is it early action or early decision?
4. Do you have rolling admissions?
5. What percentage of out-of-state students are accepted?
6. Is there an honors program on campus? If so, is there a separate application to apply?
7. Do you accept high school AP credits?
8. Do you accept community college credits?
9. Do you accept transfer credits?

## ACADEMICS:

1. What are some of your most popular degree programs?
2. Which programs are particularly strong or competitive?
3. How you would describe the academic pressure?
4. How accessible are professors?
5. What are typical internship opportunities?
6. What academic support services, such as study skills or career counseling, are offered to students?
7. Are there research opportunities available for undergraduates?
8. Is there a co-op learning program?
9. Are general education classes required?
10. Are classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?
11. Do most professors have office hours?

## MAJORS:

1. When are students expected to choose a major?
2. Do you recommend declaring a major before starting your freshman year?
3. Is it difficult to switch majors?
4. Are there additional application requirements within my chosen major?
5. How competitive is it to get accepted into this major?
6. Is there a different GPA requirement to be considered for this program?
7. Can I double major?
8. What is the difference between a major and a minor?
9. If I'm not sure what I want to do, is there someone who can help me figure out my major?