



CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

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School visits beat pictures in brochures any day! If you have the opportunity, you should experience college life first-hand during your junior and senior years to be sure your home away from home will be the right one for you. Carefully plan each visit ... and limit the number of visits to just schools that are most important to you.

Planning the Visit

- Get a map of the campus.
- Plan at least a full day (and stay overnight, if possible) at each school.
- Visit when school is in session.
- Arrange an interview with an admissions officer or sign up for a group session, if available.
- Prepare a list of questions you have about the school.
- Get a notebook to record answers and your impressions.

What to Do

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk with students and faculty.
- Attend a sporting event, if possible.
- Check out what's important to you (e.g., dorms, libraries, student unions, athletic facilities).

What to Look For

- Watch how students spend their time: studying, partying, socializing, exercising ...
- Check out the size of the average dorm room and furniture provided.
- Look at what students have in their rooms and how they've arranged it.

What to Ask

- Are there active fraternities and sororities on campus?
- How good is the food in the dining facilities?
- Can you stay in the dorm for longer than freshman year? Can you have a single room or must you share? And if you're sharing, with how many others?
- What intercollegiate and intramural teams are represented on campus?
- What kinds of clubs and societies are represented on campus?
- How well are the campus and its facilities maintained?
- How safe is the campus? Where are the campus police located? Are there safety programs, such as escorts and emergency phone boxes, on campus?
- What's available off campus? Restaurants, theaters, museums, public libraries, job opportunities?

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College Comparison Worksheet



COLLEGE NAME			
LOCATION ● distance from home			
SIZE ● enrollment ● physical size of campus			
ENVIRONMENT ● type of school (2 yr., 4 yr.) ● school setting (urban, rural) ● location & size of nearest city ● co-ed, male, female ● religious affiliation			
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS ● deadline ● tests required ● average test scores, GPA, rank ● special requirements ● notification			
ACADEMICS ● your major offered ● special requirements ● accreditation ● student-faculty ratio ● typical class size			
COLLEGE EXPENSES ● tuition, room & board ● estimated total budget ● application fee, deposits			
FINANCIAL AID ● deadline ● required forms ● % receiving aid ● scholarships			
HOUSING ● residence hall requirement ● availability ● types and sizes ● food plan			
FACILITIES ● academic ● recreational ● other			
ACTIVITIES ● clubs, organizations ● greek life ● athletics, intramurals ● other			
CAMPUS VISITS ● when ● special opportunities			