

Check List for a College Visit

Plan Ahead: Things To Do Before You Go

- Schedule a Tour of Campus
- Make a reservation for an Information Session
- Arrange for an Interview (if offered by the college)
- Contact your Regional Admissions Representative
- Schedule a time to meet with someone (faculty/student/staff) from your area of academic interest or an extracurricular interest – or perhaps a student you know from your hometown
- Look ahead for Campus Events; social, athletic, cultural, or political (some may require purchasing tickets in advance)
- If college is at a distance from home, make reservations to stay overnight
- Follow the college on Social Media
- Create a list of questions

While On Campus, Make Time For:

- Eating on campus
- Taking pictures
- People watching, especially students
- Checking out bulletin boards, posters, dorm décor
- Visiting the library or alumni house for yearbooks/publications
- Walking around the town, or taking a campus bus around town
- Meeting current students on campus
- Exploring the surrounding community

Don't Leave Campus Without:

- Printed course catalog, if available
- Campus newspaper
- Calendar of weekly events
- Brochures on Special Programs
- Campus map
- Contact information for someone in your area of academic interest

Deciding Which Colleges to Visit

The Big Questions:

- Location (Rural, Suburban, Urban)
- Campus Size
- Academic Programs Offered
- Distance from Home / Cost to Travel
- Types of Visits Offered and Timing of Visit Programs
- Demonstrated Interest (i.e. Is it important to the college if you visit before applying?)

Campus Facilities: What is important to you on a campus?

- Housing – Varieties, location
- Dining – Options, quality
- Libraries – hours, reputation, comfort, lighting
- Practice rooms/Studio Space
- Activity Centers (Student Union) – aesthetics, range of activities
- Athletics and Recreation – range, hours
- Health and Special Student Services – accessibility, support
- Miscellaneous – bookstore, theater, arts/cultural center, etc.

Off Campus Community: What is important to you in a surrounding community?

- Town Relations
- Activities
- Entertainment
- Shopping (CVS, Target, Whole Foods)

On Campus Community: What do you want to make sure a campus community offers?

- Living Learning Communities – What are they?
- Clubs/Student Organizations
- Club sports/Intramurals
- Volunteerism