



Questions to Ask at Your College Visit

Financial Aid Office

1. Could you please tell me what percentage of incoming freshmen receive merit-based aid?
2. How much is the average financial package for need-based aid?
3. What percentage of that need-based aid is scholarships and grants versus loans?
4. What is the average loan total (or debt load) a student graduates with at this university?
5. If my financial situation were to change at mid-year, what is the school's appeal process?
6. Are there employment opportunities on campus, other than those in financial aid packages?

Admissions Office

1. What is your four-year graduation rate? Five-year? (Most published graduation rates are measured in six years for four-year programs.)
2. What are the three most important qualities you look for in a new student?
3. When reviewing applications for admission, what do you like and don't like to see in a college essay?
4. How large are freshmen classes?
5. How available are the professors or advisors for consultation? Do they keep regular office hours?
6. Does your school offer a four-year assurance agreement?
7. What are your policies for receiving credit for AP classes and tests I have taken in high school?

Department Head

1. In considering this school, I noticed that there was research being done on _____. Could you tell me more about that?
2. Are there opportunities for undergraduates to participate in research?
3. What is the average student-to-professor ratio for this major's courses?
4. Can you describe the differences in your curriculum for honors program students (e.g., different or smaller classes, group projects, off-campus activities or competitions, internships and research opportunities)?
5. What academic experiences are available beyond the classroom?