

QUESTIONS TO ASK TO FIND A GOOD COLLEGE FIT

As you travel to campuses or conduct online visits, here are some questions that will help you sort through your college options. Tear this off and keep it with you as a reference—and add some of your own questions to the list.

ON THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

- How much time do students spend on work outside of class?
- What type of evaluations (i.e., exams/papers) do faculty members use most often?
- Are classes interactive and engaging? Is discussion encouraged?
- How do students receive feedback on academic work, and how often do they receive it?
- Do students work together on projects?
- How often are students required to do presentations in class?
- Are faculty members accessible?
- How often and how many students work on research projects with faculty?
- How often do students discuss ideas in class?
- Is there a required first-year program and a culminating senior experience?
- Are students able to easily access courses outside of their major?

Questions continued on the reverse side.

ON THE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

- How well do students get along with each other?
- How many students participate in community-based service projects?
- How easy it is to get involved as a student leader? Is the administration interested in students' input on campus issues?
- How often do students interact with peers of different racial or ethnic backgrounds or social, political, and religious views?
- How many students study abroad?
- What do most students do for fun?
- Are there opportunities for spiritual activities?
- What kinds of activities are students involved in outside the classroom? Can first-year students get involved easily?
- Are activities in music, theatre, and fine arts limited to students majoring in these areas?
- Is athletic participation limited to varsity athletes?
- What percentage of students are involved in athletics or intramural sports?
- Are the students satisfied with their experience? Would they make the same college choice if they had to do it again?

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES

- What types of financial aid and academic scholarships are available? Are they renewable each year?
- Who assists students with course selection and career advising? How often does this happen?
- What safety/security services are available, and how often do students use them?
- What health and personal counseling services are available?
- What career planning services are available on campus? Are there internships and who coordinates that program? When can students meet with career services?
- What data is available about graduate and professional school admission and the types of jobs held by alumni, especially recent graduates?

ON THE ADMISSION PROCESS

- When are your application deadlines?
- Is an interview required for admission?
- How do I apply for financial aid and scholarships? When are the deadlines?