

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Some of the following questions can be answered by your own research or observation, by asking an admissions officer, or by talking with students during a campus visit.

A. LOCATION AND SURROUNDINGS

1. What is the type and size of the college?
2. How does this campus compare with your idea of a campus?
3. What transportation is available to get around campus?
4. What transportation would you use to travel between home and campus?
5. What are the weather conditions and how much do they vary?
6. What types of housing are available to freshmen?
7. Are there fraternity and sorority houses on campus/off-campus?
8. Do you prefer privacy, or group living and study?
9. Are your roommates assigned to you or do you select your own?
10. What place serves as the center of activity between classes?

B. ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. What means of study are emphasized and how do they fit your interests and abilities?
2. What is the student-faculty ratio and how meaningful is this in the opinion of the admissions office?
3. What courses are required, and what would be a typical freshman program?
4. Do classes seem to be largely lecture or discussion?
5. Do students seem to be enthusiastic, tolerant or hostile toward their classes?
6. What is the average class size?
7. What level of academic performance is required to stay at the college?
8. How approachable are members of the faculty and administration on an informal basis?
9. How are Advanced Placement credits treated?
10. What opportunities for cultural enrichment are available on campus and in the community?

C. STUDENT BODY

1. What is the ratio of resident students to commuting students?
2. What seems to be the most important thing in the lives of the students you meet?
3. What reasons did some of the present students have for choosing the college?
4. What is the makeup of the student body according to national, regional, religious and socio-economic backgrounds? Does one group predominate? Is this important to you?

D. CAMPUS LIFE AND COMMUNITY LIVING

1. How wide is the range of activities in political, athletic, and other extra-curricular activities?

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2. How popular are fraternities and sororities on campus?
3. To what extent do students share in establishing and enforcing college regulations and policies?
4. How active and effective is the student government?
5. What level of personal freedom exists?
6. What clubs, publications, or teams are available in areas which interest you?

E. STUDENT SERVICES

1. What type of orientation program does the college conduct for new students?
2. What health services are offered?
3. How close is contact with an academic advisor? Are you assigned an advisor in your major?
4. Are professional counseling services available on campus?
5. What types of financial aid are available?
6. What sort of work-study program exists?
7. Are there active career services?
8. Are there local and campus jobs available through the Career Center?
9. Do alumni access resources at the Career Center? How long past graduation?
10. Do businesses and other organizations seek graduates for employment opportunities? Are on-campus interviews arranged?