

Questions to Consider When Selecting a College

- 1 What constitutes a typical freshman program of study at this college?
- 2 Are courses readily available to the students?
- 3 Are freshmen classes taught by regular faculty or graduate students?
- 4 What is the average class size?
- 5 When will I declare a major and can I change my mind?
- 6 Will I need my own computer and do I purchase it now or at college?
- 7 Is the college on semesters or quarters?
- 8 What kind of housing is available for freshmen?
- 9 How are roommates chosen?
- 10 What is the faculty academic curriculum advising program like? Do professors maintain office hours? How is tutoring handled?
- 11 Is there counseling available for career planning and for personal concerns?
- 12 What technology/technical support is available for students?
- 13 What are the college's strongest academic departments and majors?
- 14 What is the average percent of freshmen returning as sophomores?
- 15 What percent of entering freshmen typically graduate in four years?
- 16 Do graduates usually find employment immediately following graduation?
- 17 Is campus security an issue? Feel free to ask for mandatory statistical data.
- 18 What kinds of extracurricular activities are available?
- 19 Is there a campus infirmary with health services available?
- 20 What cultural opportunities exist on and off campus?
- 21 Are scholarships, work-study, and grants available? How does one apply?

To-Do List for College Visits:

- *Take an official campus tour and an unofficial tour as well.*
- *If possible, visit academic buildings and sit in on some classes.*
- *Eat in the cafeteria.*
- *Ask students why they chose the college.*
- *Ask students what they like most and least about the college.*
- *Answer the above questions about selecting a college prior to your visit by using college catalogs, telephone conversations, and online activities or conclude answers while on the actual visit.*

