

College Visit or Interview Questions

- Find out what *type of virtual visits* colleges offer:
 - **Online Information Sessions:** must sign up in advance, done in small groups, and are hosted by an admissions officer
 - **Virtual Campus Tours or Campus Tour-Guide Videos:** available on college admissions websites and can look through on your own time
 - **Virtual Interviews:** one-on-one meetings with a college representative or student admissions representative (see *page 3* for potential interview questions)
- For **Online Information Sessions:**
 - Make sure attire and what is visible behind you on screen is appropriate for a college representative ahead of time
 - Keep camera on with your full name as your screen name
 - Remain on mute except when asking questions
- Prepare a few questions ahead of time to ask the representative running the virtual meeting (see *page 2* for suggestions)
 - Do your basic research before your virtual information session: will help you determine which schools you want to virtually visit
 - Think of questions you can't Google and questions that are most important to you
- Write or type out notes regarding important information and deadlines for the school
- Keep the contact information for whomever is hosting your virtual visit (especially if it will be the person reviewing your application)
- At the end of your virtual visit, think about why you would attend the school (or if you would not want to attend the school, why not, which is also helpful information)
- Follow up with admissions counselors, students, or alumni with future questions

QUESTIONS TO ASK ON CAMPUS VISITS

Questions to ask an Admissions Officer:

- What financial aid packages are available to students?
- Is admission need-blind or need-aware?
- How many students are typically accepted through early admission or the waitlist?
- What's the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate?
- Are all freshmen assigned an advisor? How do students pick classes?
- What is the average class size?
- Who teaches freshman classes? Professors or adjuncts?
- What is the job placement rate for graduates?
- What types of career services are available?
- Where do most freshmen live?
- What type of technology is available for students?

Questions to ask college students:

- Why did you choose this college?
- What are your favorite and least favorite things about going here?
- How friendly and welcoming is the campus?
- How accessible are professors typically?
- What are the more popular extracurricular activities (or ask specifically about the activity you are interested in)?
- Are you able to study in your dorm room?
- How many hours a week do you study?
- How easy is it to get the classes you want?
- How easy is it to meet with the faculty?
- Are campus jobs easy to find?
- If you could change anything about the school, what would it be?
- What is social life like at this school?
- Do many students go home or away on weekends?

Questions to ask yourself on or about a campus:

- Could I live in one of the dorm rooms?
- Are the buildings on campus in good shape?
- Are common areas of dorms comfortable and do the facilities meet demand?
- Is the campus close enough - or far away - from the city for me? Can students have a car?
- How is it getting around campus?
- What transportation or shopping services are available on campus?
- What is the surrounding neighborhood like?

Questions to ask yourself in the classroom:

- Do students appear to be interested in the material?
- Do students participate in discussion?
- Do students seem to have a relationship with the professor?
- Would I feel comfortable as a student in this setting?
- Is the material challenging enough for me?

QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED AT A COLLEGE INTERVIEW

- What are your career goals? Long range and short range?
- Which of your extracurricular activities has been most influential in your developments?
- How do you first hear about our college?
- If you had the power, or money, etc. to change something at your high school, what would you change?
- What makes you want to major in _____?
- What kinds of things do you do outside of school?
- What do you feel best describes a “well-rounded” person? How do you fit this description?
- What is your major interest and how did you become interested in this area? Do you have any experience such as part-time work or volunteer work in your area of interest?
- What are your intentions for a future profession?
- What are you looking for in a college?
- What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?
- How familiar are you with our college and our programs?
- Which one of your activities has given you the most satisfaction?
- If you had a high school to do over again, would you do anything different?
- What particular “life goals” are you seeking to achieve or pursue?
- What are your priorities in selecting a college?
- What do you hope to gain from a liberal arts education?
- Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- What can you do as a student to enhance our college?
- Describe your most stimulating intellectual experience.
- Tell me about experiences you have had which have exposed you to people very different from yourself. What was your approach to them and to the situation you encountered?
- Tell me something you have really wanted which you had to go after on your own.
- How do you think your friends or the people who know you well might describe you?

