
Questions to Ask on a College Visit

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This page is a **reference tool**, not a checklist.

You are **not expected** to ask every question at every college.

Choose 3–5 questions that reflect what *you* are still trying to understand about a school.

Academics – *Understanding classroom expectations and teaching style.*

- How much time do students typically spend on homework each week?
- How much reading and writing are expected in most courses?
- What is the average class size for introductory courses?
- How often are teaching assistants used in classes?
- What is the average class size for upper-level courses?

Academic Opportunities - *Learning beyond required coursework.*

- What undergraduate research opportunities are available, and how common is participation?
- Is there a culminating senior experience (capstone, thesis, project)?
- Is there an honors program or honors college?
- Are there first-year programs or learning communities?

Cost & Financial Considerations - *Understanding affordability at a high level.*

- What percentage of financial need is typically met?
- What does a typical merit award look like?
- What is the average student debt at graduation?
- What work-study opportunities are available?

Graduation & Retention - *Understanding outcomes and time to degree.*

- What helps students stay on track to graduate on time?

Academic Support - *Knowing what help is available if needed.*

- What tutoring or academic support services are offered?
- How does academic advising work?
- Is there a writing center, and how do students access it?
- What learning support or disability resources are available?

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Experiential Learning - *Connecting college to life after graduation.*

- What percentage of students complete internships during college?
- What percentage of students study abroad?
- What types of career services are available to students?

Student Life & Campus Culture - *Getting a feel for daily life on campus.*

- What housing options are available?
- How long is on-campus housing guaranteed?
- How many students live on campus?
- Do most students stay on campus on weekends?
- What would you change about this college?
- What percentage of students participate in Greek life?
- What clubs, activities, or organizations are most popular?