

COLLEGE VISIT CHECKLIST

To help you find the right college, fill out one of these forms each time you visit a school.

COLLEGE NAME

| CITY | STATE | SIZE | TUITION | ROOM & BOARD | FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS |
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| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

ADMISSIONS CONTACT

| NAME | EMAIL | PHONE |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

TO-DO CHECKLIST

- Talk to professors
- Visit the library
- Tour campus
- Sit in on a class
- Eat at a cafeteria
- Talk to admissions office
- Read the college newspaper
- Check out computer labs
- Talk to students
- Visit student housing
- Read bulletin boards
- Check out recreational facilities
- Check out student activities
- Tour the city around campus
- Eat at an off-campus student hang-out
- Picture yourself living here

RATE IT

On a scale of 1-5, five being the best, rate the following:

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| People | <input type="text"/> |
| Social life | <input type="text"/> |
| Classrooms | <input type="text"/> |
| Dorms | <input type="text"/> |
| Town | <input type="text"/> |
| Campus | <input type="text"/> |
| Food | <input type="text"/> |

ASK A STUDENT

What is the best part about this college?

What is the worst part?

What is a typical day like?

What do the students do on the weekends?

How are classes structured?

Why did you choose this college?

THE BEST PART ABOUT MY VISIT

THE WORST PART ABOUT MY VISIT

CAPTIP! Weather on the day of a college visit can affect your impression of a school. Don't let the rain keep you from a school you like. For more tips, go to www.Cappex.com/tips.

DECIDE

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Campus Visit Checklist

When you visit a campus, it is important that you ask the right types of questions:

Look at Equipment and School Facilities

- Are the facilities and equipment up-to-date and operating?
- Is the equipment similar to what you will be using on the job?
- Is the library good for studying and research?
- Are the dorms quiet enough for studying?
- What is the cafeteria like?
- How large or small are the dorm rooms?
- What types of furniture are provided/allowed?
- Are there plenty of computer labs?
- Do students get free e-mail and Internet access?

Sit In on a Class or Two

- Do the instructors seem knowledgeable?
- Are the students participating in classroom activities?
- What kinds of work are the students doing?
- How large/small are the classes?

Talk with Current Students in the Program

- How long have they been in school?
- Do they like the program?
- Are they learning what they need to know to get a job?
- What is their opinion of the instructors?
- Do the instructors spend time with the students to be sure they understand the material?
- How much time is needed for studying and other work outside class?
- Are instructors available outside of class?
- Have they had any problems with the school, the instructors or the classes?
- What do they like most/least about the school/program?
- How do they spend their free time?

Talk with Instructors in the Program

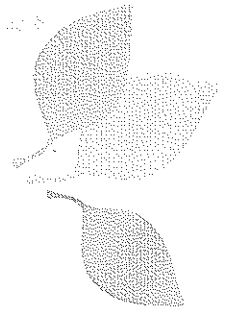
- What are the academic requirements in the program?
- What kinds of courses are offered?
- How many students are in the program?
- How long does it take most students to complete the program?
- How long have they been teaching at the school?
- Do they teach full time or part time?
- What types of activities are they involved in that relate to the field of study?
- What types of background do they have in the field?

Talk with an Admissions Counselor

- What are the admissions requirements at this college?
- How do I apply and which forms do I fill out?
- When are the important deadlines for admissions?
- What are the housing requirements and parking rules?
- What types of extracurricular activities are available?
- What is the job placement rate of recent graduates?

Talk with a Financial Aid Counselor

- How much does it cost to attend the college (including tuition, room and board, fees, etc.)?
- What financial aid options are available?
- Are there any special financial aid services offered by the college?
- Which forms do I need to fill out and what are the deadlines?
- How is financial aid paid out? When will I receive it?
- Are there school-specific scholarships available? How do I apply?



COLLEGE COMPARISON WORKSHEET

| College Names | 1st Choice | 2nd Choice | 3rd Choice |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| Location – contact information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distance from home admissions staff contact email/phone number | | | |
| Size <ul style="list-style-type: none"> student enrollment physical size of campus | | | |
| Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> type of school (2 yr., 4 yr.) school setting (urban, rural) location & size of nearest city co-ed, male, female religious affiliation | | | |
| Admission Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deadline tests required average test scores, GPA, rank would it be "reach", "likely" or "target"? | | | |
| Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your major offered special requirements accreditation student-faculty ratio typical class size | | | |
| College Expenses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tuition, room & board estimated total budget application fee, deposits | | | |
| Financial Aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deadline required forms % receiving aid scholarships | | | |
| Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> residence hall requirement food plan | | | |
| Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> academic recreational other | | | |
| Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> clubs, organizations Greek life athletics, intramurals other | | | |