

The College Search and Interview Checklist

Or What Parents and Students Should Ask When Visiting a College

After researching this college, it is my
_____ choice

DIRECTIONS: Research your colleges online as much as possible. It may help to eliminate choices early on. The following is just to help recall and guide your questions pertinent to making a final college choice.

Name of College _____
Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Web address _____
Contact Person _____

Who will be teaching the students?

- Check teacher bios online or ask the education level of instructors. _____
- What are the classroom teacher/student ratios? _____ Are there class size caps? _____
- How is the college accredited? _____
(i.e. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools)

What will the student learn?

- Does this school have general education courses (math, English, SS & Science)? Vs. art courses only.
- What is the Major and Minor curriculums (Make sure you leave with a copy. Many are online).
- Can I transfer credits from another school?
- Do you accept high school AP course credit? _____ What is your criteria for doing so? (Score _____)
- Are there also online classes available that could replace on-campus classes? _____
- How are your learning facilities set up for technology?
 - Do all your computer labs have software for all curriculums?
 - How often do you update software and hardware? (every ___ yrs., or every time there's an update ___)
- Do you have exhibition and performance opportunities/events? (stage perf., plays, film festivals, galleries, competitions, etc.) _____
- Are there internships available for my major? _____ Where/Who? _____
- Does the college have any other business relationships or collaborations? _____
(i.e. guest speakers, workshop opps.)

Admissions

- Does the college have specific application dates _____ or rolling admissions?
- How to apply: online \$ _____ via mail \$ _____
- What does the student need to provide:
 - Application _____
 - Letters of recommendation _____
 - Portfolio (in what format?) _____
 - High school transcripts _____
 - Essay _____

Admissions Con't

- How Does the Applying Student stay in touch with the College through the application process?
Online check in? _____ Call _____ Talk to _____
- Scholarships base on: Talent -up to \$ _____ Academic-up to \$ _____ Financial need-up to \$ _____

The College Schedule

- How many credits is considered full time? _____
- How is the academic year divided? Quarters ____ Semesters ____ Trimesters ____
Winter session _____ Summer session _____
- Are there special summer opportunities? (study abroad, workshops, etc.) _____
- Is there an airport nearby? _____ train station _____ Bus station _____
- How long is the winter break? _____ How long is the summer break? _____

Where will I spend my college years?

- What is the setting of the campus? Small town ____ Big city ____ suburban ____
- Near (beaches, mountains, etc. _____)
- Are the buildings spread out or close together?
- Is there a bus system? College bus city bus both
- Do most students have cars? _____ Can they park near their dorm? _____
- Is biking a reasonable alternative? _____
- How do most students get to local stores? _____
- Are students required to live in the dorms? _____
- What kind so technology access is in a dorm room or building? _____
- Are dorms close to the classroom buildings? _____
- Are there other campuses? _____ Are the same classes provided there? _____
- Are there dining facilities/meal plans? _____
- Are there sports teams or fitness facilities? _____

After College

- How does the College assist students in job placement? _____
- Do they have an alumni network? _____

Notes