

CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

Here are things you shouldn't miss while visiting a college. Take a look at this list before planning campus trips to make sure that you allow enough time on each campus to get a sense of what the school—and the life of its students—is really like.

- Take a campus tour.
- Have an interview with admissions officer.
- Get business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts.
- Pick up financial aid forms.
- Participate in a group information session at the admissions office.
- Sit in on a class of a subject that interests you.
- Talk to a professor in your chosen major or in a subject that interests you.
- Talk to coaches of sports in which you might participate.
- Talk to a student or counselor in the career center.
- Spend the night in a dorm.
- Read the student newspaper.
- Try to find other student publications—department newsletters, alternative newspapers, literary reviews.
- Scan bulletins boards to see what day-to-day student life is like.
- Eat in the cafeteria.
- Ask a student why he/she chose this college.
- Read for a little while in the library and see what it's like.
- Search for your favorite book in the library.
- Ask a student what he/she hates about the college.
- Ask a student what he/she loves about the college.
- Browse in the college bookstore.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.
- Ask a student what he/she does on weekends.
- Try to see a dorm that you didn't see on the tour.
- Imagine yourself attending this college for four years.

Tips

- Visit a sampling of different types of campuses so that you can get a real feel of what is right for you.
- Call ahead to register for a tour and information session
- Take some time on your own –separate from your parents- to wander around the campus to get to get a true college feel. Do you fit in with the college students? Does it feel right to you?
- Meet up with any students you know that attend that college.
- Do not visit more than two schools a day.
- Keep notes and take pictures of each campus so you can look back and remember which is which and what you thought about them.