

Campus Visit Guide

College Details

Name	
Size	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP	

Contacts at College

	Name	Title	Phone	Email
Admissions				
Department				
Other 1				
Other 2				
Other 3				

Campus Visit Checklist

- ☐ Talk to admissions office
- ☐ Tour campus
- ☐ Visit student housing
- ☐ Check out recreational facilities
- ☐ Check out student activities and organizations
- ☐ Talk to advisor/faculty/grad student in the academic department of interest (fill out questions on page 3)
- ☐ Check out the area surrounding the campus

Reflect on the Visit

Are rooms in residence halls pleasant? Are the restrooms clean and well-kept?

Are common areas in the residence halls attractive?

Are there laundry and kitchen facilities?

What's the surrounding town or city like?

The best part of my visit/my favourite things are:

The worst part of my visit/my biggest cons are:

Additional thoughts:

Academic Department Visit

People To Reach Out To

You don't have to talk to all of these people - any or a couple of these will do.

- ☐ Department Head/Director
- ☐ Department Coordinator
- ☐ Professor
- ☐ Academic Advisor
- ☐ Grad/Undergrad Student

Template for Requesting a Meeting

Hello,

My name is [name and surname] and I'm a [junior/senior] at [school name] High School in [City, State]. Over the last [few months/weeks/year], I have researched universities with excellent [type of program] programs, and [college name] has quickly risen to the top of my list.

[Insert a sentence here specific to your experience with the school - have you visited? Done a virtual tour? What do you love about the school/program?] I was wondering if there might be someone within the [name of department] department who might be able to have a 30-minute conversation with me [via video chat/when I'm on campus for a tour on _____]. I would love to hear more about the [specify program name] program beyond what I have read online.

Is there someone specific you recommend I reach out to in order to schedule a conversation of this nature?

Thank you so much and I look forward to chatting with you soon!

[Sign off with your name]

Steps to Set Up a Department Conversation

1. Identify if/when you will be going on a visit to this school.
2. Reach out to the department rep using the above template asking for an in-person/virtual conversation, depending on your visit schedule.
3. Review your research and cross-reference with the questions listed below. Identify if there are any other important follow-up questions you would like to ask while on campus.

Department Conversation Interview Questions

Faculty Member

What makes this academic program different/unique compared to other programs at other schools?

What is the 4-year graduation rate for this program?

What's the percentage of graduates who have jobs at the time of graduation and/or are going to grad school?

What is the average starting salary for graduates of this program?

What are the internship/co-op opportunities like from this department? Clinical or research or other practical experiences?

What specializations or tracks are available to students in these academic programs?

How many students are in this department?

Ask a Student

Why did you select this university?

What is your favorite thing about this university?

What is your least favorite thing?

Is it easy to get involved with student organizations?

What is the largest class you've ever had/smallest?

What is the student life like?

Did you live in the dorms? Did you enjoy them?

If you could do it all over again, would you select this university?

How is the on-campus food?

Do you feel safe? What is campus security like?

Are there any campus jobs available?

Do you have any advice for me?