COLLEGE TOUR CHECKLIST

Visiting a college campus can help you get a better feel for what your life could be like at college. There is a lot to consider, and it can be overwhelming. This guide will help you prepare for and get the most out of your college tours.

BEFORE YOUR TOUR

☐ Browse the school’s website, campus blogs, and social media pages.
☐ Prepare any questions you have ahead of time.
☐ Review a map of campus and surrounding areas.

DURING YOUR TOUR

☐ Walk around surrounding areas/off campus housing.
☐ Visit the dining hall, fitness center, library, bookstore, and other campus facilities.
☐ Talk to the coaches of sports that you may want to play.
☐ Chat with someone in the admissions office.
☐ Get the names and business cards of people you meet, so you can contact them later if you have questions.
☐ Take pictures.
☐ Take notes!

AFTER YOUR TOUR

☐ Sit down with your parent(s) and review notes.
☐ Reach out to the people you spoke with on the tour with any follow-up questions.
☐ Chat with your parent(s) about your financial plan.
☐ Decide which schools you want to apply to.
QUESTIONS TO ASK ON YOUR TOUR

ASK TOUR GUIDES/STUDENTS

• What do you do in your free time?
• Are there any study abroad opportunities?
• Do most students use Apple, PC products, or a mixture?
• Are there any grocery shopping options both on and off campus?
• How do students get around campus (cars, bikes, walking, mopeds, etc.)?
• How diverse is the campus?
• Are there meal plans offered?
• What is the process like to declare or change your major?
• What is the average class size?
• How are roommates assigned?
• Are online classes offered? Have you taken any?
• Are students usually able to take their first-choice courses?
• How many hours of class do students typically have each week?
• How much homework do you have to do outside of class?
• Where are the best places to study on campus?
• Is there a writing center to help with essays and research papers?
• Are academic advisors accessible and effective?
• Are there tutoring services available on campus?
• What are some of the most popular extracurriculars and why?
• What clubs or other opportunities for community service exist?
• Do sports play a large role on campus?
• Are there any intramural sports opportunities or exercise classes?
• What percentage of the student population lives on campus?
• What do you wish you had known going into freshman year?
• What do you wish you had asked on a campus tour?
• What’s a typical weekday like for you?
• What surprised you about campus life here?
• What’s your favorite spot you’ve discovered on campus since arriving?