Choosing the Right College for the Right Reasons

10 Questions to Ask on a Campus Visit

Where to attend college is the most important decision that young people make. By prioritizing academics, you can ensure that your undergraduate education prepares you for a rewarding career, engaged citizenship, and meaningful community participation.

- How does the university ensure that all students graduate with a strong background in the foundational arts and sciences disciplines?
- What does the university do to foster a serious academic culture on campus?
- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- Over the last five years, what is the average annual rate of tuition increase?
- What concrete steps has the university taken to protect freedom of expression on campus?
What proportion of courses have fewer than 30 students?

What is your student-to-faculty ratio, and are professors readily available for one-on-one discussions and to mentor student research?

Can you recommend a faculty member in my major who I can reach out to regarding program requirements, study abroad, and internships?

Do students have access to walk-in professional advisors and faculty advisors in their disciplines?

What are the general education requirements for graduation?

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