

Campus Visit Checklist

Before you go

- Call the admissions office to schedule your visit.
- Find out when campus tours are offered.
- If interviews are recommended, schedule one.

On campus

- Visit the admission office and participate in the information session.
- Take the campus tour. Ask your guide questions.
- Have an interview with admissions officer (remember to have questions ready.)
- Get business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts.
- Visit a class in 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.
- Eat in the regular student cafeteria, not just the food court.
- Spend a night in a dorm.
- Read the student newspaper. What issues concern students at this school?
- Try to find other student publications—department newsletters, alternative newspapers, literary reviews.
- Scan bulletin boards to see what day-to-day student life is like.
- Ask students why they chose the college and what they would like to change.
- Wander around the campus by yourself.
- Read for a little while in the library and see what it's like.
- Search for books on subjects of interest in the library.
- Ask students what they hate about the college.
- Ask students what they love about the college.
- Browse in the college bookstore.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.
- Ask students what they do on weekends.
- Listen to the college's radio station.
- Try to see a dorm that you didn't see on the tour.
- Imagine yourself attending this college for four years.
- Parents: visit the financial aid office and pick up forms.

In the car after you leave

- Write thank you notes. Use the business cards you collected.
- Make notes about what you liked and didn't like about the school, people, academics, social life, and surrounding area.