

“WHAT SHOULD I ASK ON A CAMPUS VISIT?”

This list of questions prepared by Alma College may be useful for you when visiting a college campus. Don't hesitate to ask some of your own questions that may not appear on this list.

1. What is the average GPA of an entering freshman? ACT or SAT score?
2. What is the faculty-student ratio?
3. What is the average class size for an introductory course?
4. What percentage of faculty members has PhD's?
5. How is the academic calendar year set up?
6. How is admission to the college determined?
7. May I have a campus tour? Sit in on a class? Have lunch in a dining room? Stay overnight in a dorm?
8. When is the application deadline? Is there a non-refundable deposit?
9. What is the average dropout rate? What types of reasons do the students give?
10. Do you have a Career Planning Program?
11. What is the school's overall placement rate? What is it in my intended major?
12. What are the school's basic costs (tuition, room, board, and food)? What is a good estimate for books and spending money?
13. What kinds of Financial Aid Programs are available? What forms should I fill out? By what date? Are there any special scholarships offered by the school or its alumni?
14. Can I have a car on campus during my freshman year?
15. What types of college housing are there? Can I live off campus?
16. How many students are there per room?
17. What should I bring to the campus when I move in?
18. What varsity sports are played? Intramural sports?
19. Do you award athletic scholarships?
20. What kind of extra-curricular activities are available?
21. What percentages of students are from other states? Other countries?
22. What is the surrounding community like?
23. How many students belong to a fraternity or sorority?
24. What kind of orientation program is there? When is it held?
25. Will I be assigned a faculty advisor? How often would we meet?
26. What do you consider the school's top three programs?
27. What makes this college special?
28. Ask if your school has emergency call boxes, campus escorts, shuttle services, and ID checks. Is the campus well-lit at night? Does campus housing prevent intruders?

