



STUDENT'S GUIDE TO COLLEGE TOURS

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.
- Come up with a plan to apply to schools (e.g. tackling one application a week).

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?

