

campus visit CHECKLIST



A college visit is the best way to determine if a campus is the right place for you.

Be prepared to walk a lot, and ask a lot of questions. By scheduling your visit in advance through the college admissions office, you may be able to investigate programs or classes that have special appeal to you. Take note of the people you meet, and the campus environment—but don't let rain or weather impact your impression. Instead, bring a jacket and umbrella, just in case!

- Arrange for an interview with an admissions officer.
- Gather financial aid forms and information.
- Attend an admissions information session.
- Take a campus tour.
- Arrange to sit in on a class or classes and meet with a professor in an area of interest. Ask for his or her email so you can follow up with questions.
- Talk to students. Ask them what they like and don't like about the school, what classes are like, what the social life is like, how they spend their spare time, and what campus and community activities are available.
- Stay overnight in a dorm, if possible.
- Visit locations where you might spend time, such as dining halls, labs, the bookstore, athletic facilities, art studios, etc.
- If you plan to play a sport, ask to talk with a coach.
- Check out the college radio station, newspaper and student blogs to get a feel for campus life.
- Visit the career center and ask what services are offered.

