

## CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

### Planning the Visit

- Get a map of the campus.
- Plan at least a full day at each school.
- Visit when school is in session.
- Arrange an interview with an admissions officer and financial aid officer.
- Prepare a list of questions you might have about the school.
- Get a notebook to record the answers and your impressions.

### What to Do

- Take a campus tour.
- Talk with students and faculty.
- Attend a sporting event, if possible.
- Check out the stuff that is important to you (like dorms, libraries, recreation facilities, athletic facilities, Christian student center, computer labs).

### What to Look For

- Watch how students spend their time: studying, socializing, exercising, partying...
- Check out the size of the dorm rooms and what the normal furniture is.
- Look at what students have in their rooms and how they've arranged it.
- What is available off campus? Restaurants, theaters, job opportunities?

### What to Ask

- What is the most popular major on campus? Why?
- What is distinctive about education here? What is the educational philosophy of the college?
- Do you think that students are generally enthusiastic about their classes?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the advising system?
- What is the quality of student and faculty relationships? Is the faculty interested in and accessible to students after class? Are there research or co-op opportunities available?
- Are there any new programs scheduled for the next four years? Any programs being cut?
- What do students do for fun?
- What are the clubs and activities on campus?
- What political, social, and academic issues concerned students last year?
- What role do team sports play in the social life of the college?
- Is there a good balance of academics, social life, and extracurricular activities?
- Is there an alcohol problem, and if so, how is the college handling it?
- Do students feel safe on campus? Are there emergency phone boxes and enough security personnel?
- What kinds of facilities does the student center have? Is it a magnet for student activities? How would you rate the fitness center?
- Is there a career center on campus?
- How good is the food in the dining facilities? What are the types of meal plans?

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