

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGES

GENERAL QUESTIONS/APPLICATIONS

- § What is distinctive about the college? What are its strengths and weaknesses?
- § What is the size of the student body?
- § What percent of applicants are accepted?
- § When do you begin accepting applications?
- § What is admission based upon? (test scores, GPA, rank in class, etc.) What high school courses are necessary for acceptance?
- § What characteristics of a student are important to the admissions staff?
- § What percent of first year students return as sophomores?
- § What percent of entering students actually graduate?
- § Do most students graduate in four years?
- § How do I find out about scholarships, aid grants, student work programs or other programs that will help finance my college education? What forms do you require for Financial Aid?
- § What are the costs? Tuition and fees? Room and board? Other?

ABOUT HOUSING

- § What is the housing system?
- § Describe the studying environment.
- § Where do the freshman live?
- § How safe is the campus?
- § Do the majority of students commute or do they live on campus?
- § Are there coed dorms?
- § Do students leave campus on the weekends?
- § Is housing guaranteed for first year students?
- § What meal plans are available?
- § Can I have a car on campus? Do I need one? Is there an extra cost for parking?

ABOUT ACTIVITIES

- § What do students do to have fun?
- § What activities could I participate in? (newspaper, orchestra, choral group, radio station, drama etc.)
- § What intramural sports are available? Club sports?
- § Describe student life on campus.
- § What were some social or academic issues that concerned students last year? How did the administration react? What was the result?
- § What kinds of activities does the student government organize? Do students attend the activities?
- § Are there faith based activities available? Are these popular?

ABOUT ACADEMICS AND FACULTY

- § Are classes taught by professors or by teacher's assistants?
- § What percentage of freshman classes are taught by teacher's assistants?
- § How easy is it for freshmen to get classes?
- § What is the average class size for freshmen?
- § Describe the relationship between the faculty and students.
- § What is the student-faculty ratio?
- § Whose responsibility is academic advising and when does it occur?
- § Are there programs for overseas studies?
- § Ask about internships in your major field.
- § What are the three most popular majors on campus?
- § What percent of graduates who apply to law school are admitted? Med School?
- § Do you have a Placement Center on campus for Grad schools, jobs and internships?
- § Describe the process of transferring into this institution after attending a two-year community college or from another four-year college.
- § What would be the typical course requirements for a freshman?
- § Are students encouraged/discouraged in their faith in the classroom?