

Questions for Faculty and/or Tour Guide

1. What is the average class size of introductory classes?
2. What is the average class size of upper division classes?
3. How widely used are teacher assistants on your campus?
4. Are there undergraduate research opportunities and, if so, how many students typically participate?
5. Are any departments known for their contribution to research?
6. What forms of financial aid do you offer?
7. What is the average college debt that students leave with?
8. Do you offer any scholarship opportunities? If you do offer scholarships, are these redeemable all four years?
9. Do you provide financial advice to students?
10. What kinds of on-campus or local part-time jobs are available?
11. What work-study opportunities are there with outside companies? How many students take advantage of these?
12. What is your four year graduation rate?
13. What is your five year graduation rate?
14. What does it take to graduate in four years?
15. How feasible would it be to graduate in less than four years?
16. What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?
17. What's unique about this college?
18. What leads most students to choose this college?
19. What qualities and experiences are you looking for in applicants?
20. What are the college's most important values, and how does it demonstrate this to students?
21. What sort of student would succeed here?
22. What sort of student might *not* be happy here?
23. How do you provide academic advice to students?
24. How involved are academic advisors?
25. Is there free academic support or tutoring? how effective are these programs?
26. What majors are you known for?
27. Do any majors require seniors to write a thesis or complete a senior project?
28. Many people believe the universities to be detached from real-world supply and demand realities in the labor market. What do you do to ensure your degrees meet real world needs?
29. What's the job placement rate for last year's graduating class?
30. How long does it typically take recent grads to find a full-time job in their career field?
31. What else can you tell me about career placement?
32. Do your professors take sabbaticals to work in private companies?
33. What are the midterms and finals like?
34. Are there any stress-relief programs during midterms and finals?

35. What's the teaching typically like: innovative, discussion-based, project-oriented, mostly lectures?
36. Are there any academic "extras" here like an honors college, learning communities, first-year interest groups, and major- or academic achievement–related fraternities and sororities? How many students participate in these "extras"?
37. How many hours of class do students typically have each week? How much homework is usually assigned?
38. How many of your students get internships?
39. Where have students interned, and are there any formal internship arrangements with local companies?
40. What type of career services do you have and how long are they available to graduates?
41. What networking or career fairs are held each year?
42. How accessible and involved are alumni?
43. What kind of dorm choices are there? Are there lounges, laundry, and kitchens available?
44. With regard to assigned roommates, what would I do in case of a conflict or need for a room switch? Is that possible??
45. What percentage of students live off campus?
46. What are the off-campus living options, and what do they typically cost?
47. How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?
48. What's the campus crime rate like?
49. How large is the campus security force? Does it patrol the campus regularly?
50. How are residence halls secured?
51. Is there any sort of late-night shuttle service?
52. Is it a safe area to walk around at night? What kind of safety measures are in place?
53. Do most students go home on the weekend?
54. How many quiet spaces are there for studying?
55. What are the hours for the library? Do these change during reading periods or exam weeks?
56. What's the availability of WiFi like on campus?
57. What percentage of the student body belong to a sorority or fraternity?
58. What types of student activities are available?
59. What types of clubs are available?
60. What are the campus computer labs like, and is there IT assistance?
61. What kind of sports equipment does the campus have? Is it well-kept?
62. Do non-varsity players have access to all athletic facilities?
63. What are some big campus events, like homecoming or alumni weekend?
64. Have students organized protests in the recent past? Are they peaceful?

Questions for Professors Specifically (some are repeated from above)

1. What are your average class sizes for both intro classes and upper classmen classes?
2. How widespread is the use of teacher assistants?

3. Are there undergraduate research opportunities and, if so, how many students typically participate?
4. Does your department contribute to general academic research, peer-reviewed journals and so forth?
5. What are your expectations for students in your class?
6. How can students succeed in your class?
7. What kind of materials would I use in your class?
8. What skills or knowledge would you consider to be prerequisites?
9. What other opportunities are available outside of the classroom to reinforce my learning, like clubs and other organizations?
10. What are the strengths of your program? Department?

Questions for College Students

1. Why did you choose this college/university?
2. What are your favorite and least favorite things about going here?
3. How friendly and welcoming is the campus?
4. How accessible are professors typically?
5. What are the strong majors and what are the weak majors?
6. How hard do you have to work to get good grades?
7. How large are your classes?
8. How difficult is it to get into the classes you need?
9. Are there any especially popular classes or must-have professors?
10. How helpful did you find your freshman year advisor?
11. How many of your classes are taught by the professor vs. a teacher's assistant?
12. Are the professors accessible outside of class?
13. Are there any classes that all freshmen have to take? How are they?
14. How easy is it to get around campus or off campus? Are there places within walking distance or do you need a car?
15. Where are the best places to study on campus?
16. Are there any research methods or databases I should learn about for my classes?
17. What is the relationship between the college and neighboring community like?
18. How's the dining hall food? What are the meal plans like? Expensive?
19. What other dining options are there on and around campus?
20. What do students do on weekends? Do they all go home or hang around on campus?
21. What do students do for fun on campus and off?
22. How involved are students in extracurriculars, and which activities are most popular?
23. What's Greek life like, and how do students feel about it?
24. Are the dorms quiet? Noisy? Are they single-sex or co-ed?
25. What do you wish you had known going into freshman year?
26. What do you wish you had asked on a campus tour when you were in my place?
27. What's a typical weekday like for you?
28. What surprised you about campus life here?

29. Is there anything you wish you had done differently to improve your experience here?
30. Are there any things you'd like to change about the school?
31. What's your favorite spot you've discovered on campus since arriving?