

The Campus Visit: Taking the Tour

Nothing can compare to seeing a college first hand. Remember that the marketing materials don't tell the whole story. Visiting allows you to experience the campus' personality. Your counselors recommend visiting the campus before and even after you are accepted.

Checklist for the Campus Visit

_____ **Schedule your visit.** Some colleges have special visitation days.

Date Scheduled is _____

_____ **Call Penn Attendance Office**

_____ **Take the tour they provide but then walk around campus on your own.**

_____ **Make arrangements to visit a class.** Call the Admissions Office to arrange this.

_____ **Collect Materials.** Pick up all admissions materials, financial aid brochures, student newspapers flyers and activity calendars.

_____ **Visit a dorm and eat in the cafeteria.** This will be home for four years. Make sure it's a good fit.

_____ **Ask these questions of the Admissions Representatives and record the answers.**

1. What are your entrance requirements? GPA?
2. Do you prefer the SAT or the ACT?
3. When is the deadline for admissions?
4. What is the cost for housing?
5. What is the tuition per year?
6. What forms of financial aid is available?
7. What forms are needed for financial aide and are their deadlines?
8. Are first-year students guaranteed housing?
9. Should I bring a computer?
10. What is the average class size during the first year?
11. Which employers recruit at this school?
12. What percentage of students have a job upon graduation?

_____ **Ask these questions of the Students. Usually students are guides for campus tours. Record your answers.**

1. What do people do for fun on weekends and after class?
2. Ask about: fitness facilities and activities, clubs, organizations.
3. Can first-year students have a car on campus?
4. Did you choose your dorm roommate?
5. How much time to you spend on homework?
6. Where do you usually study?
7. What types of activities are you involved in on campus?
8. How accessible are professors out of class?
9. What types of tutoring is available?
10. Are you happy you chose this campus?

Colleges, Technical or Vocational Schools I would like to visit:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____