

## Potential Questions to Ask College Representatives

You can find basic campus information through campus websites or other types of online research using sites such as College Board's Big Future. At college fairs, you want to make the most of your time with college reps by asking questions to help you decide if a college is a strong "fit" for you. Given each college is different, similar to how every shoe fits differently, college "fit" covers academic interests/needs, social interests/needs, and financial hopes/needs or budget. Towards that, here are a list of **suggested questions to ask within each fit category**:

### Academic Interests and Needs:

1. I'm interested in studying \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, or pursuing a possible career in \_\_\_\_\_. What programs do you offer that match my interests? Any related minors?
2. What makes your program in \_\_\_\_\_ special or unique?
3. What programs or types of support does your campus offer for first-generation college students?
4. How long does it typically take full-time students to complete a degree in \_\_\_\_\_ major at your campus?
5. What undergrad research opportunities are available on your campus related to my interests in \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What's the average class size? What's the largest class size for \_\_\_\_\_ major?
7. Are classes primarily lecture halls, discussion-based, or a combination of both?
8. Describe the student who will be successful at your institution, academically.
9. How does your campus help students obtain internships? Is an internship required for a \_\_\_\_\_ major?
10. What kinds of tutoring services/learning support do you offer students with help needs: math, writing, or reading?
11. What types of services do you offer students with a Learning Difference or Disability?
12. How accessible are professors? Do you utilize Teachers' Assistants or TAs? How often? For what?
13. What makes your campus unique? What types of non-traditional, unique, or special programs do you offer?
14. Are there Honors programs for high achieving students? Are these programs major-specific or general?
15. Do you offer combined/dual degrees, earning a Bachelor's along with a Master's in an accelerated time period?
16. Describe your advising/mentorship program with regard to choosing classes each term.
17. What's your study abroad program like? How do you prepare students to study abroad?
18. I am undecided. How does your campus help students declare a major?

### Social Interests and Needs:

1. How does your campus assist students in transitioning to college life?
2. How ethnically diverse is your campus? How would you describe the campus climate for students of color?
3. What clubs do you offer that are related to \_\_\_\_\_? (careers, religion, community service, talent, etc.)
4. What volunteer or community service opportunities do you offer?
5. What opportunities are available to get involved with a social justice concern in \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What opportunities are there for club or intermural sports in \_\_\_\_\_?
7. What's your campus Greek Life like? (live-in houses? Percentage of students who participate?)
8. What types of living/learning communities do you offer to help students who need study habit improvements, are undecided, or have a common interest or concern?
9. What do students do on weekends at your campus?
10. What transportation is available to get around town or to the closest city or airport?
11. What ethnic or cultural resource centers exist on your campus and how do students get involved with them?
12. Are your dorms traditional or apartment style?

### Financial Hopes and Needs or Budget:

**Note:** BE SURE TO COMPLETE A "NET PRICE CALCULATOR" ON EACH COLLEGE'S WEBSITE for a more accurate estimate of what you'll be paying based on your individual financial situation and academic profile.

1. What does your campus look for in awarding merit based scholarships or grants?
2. What type of financial assistance does your campus offer undocumented students?
3. What's the availability of campus work opportunities? What about off campus work availability?
4. What's your career center like? How do they prepare resumes and prepare students for job interviews?
5. What types of on-campus recruiting events occur on your campus? Which employers typically attend and hire your graduates?