Campus Visit Checklist

Visits to schools beat pictures in brochures any day! If you have the opportunity, you should experience college life first-hand...to be sure your home away from home will be the right one for you. Carefully plan each visit.

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 or sign up for a group session, if available.
   * 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 college event, if possible
   * Check out the student newspaper & bulletin boards.
   * Check out the stuff that's important to you--dorms, libraries, computer labs, student unions, athletic facilities, etc.

What to Look For:
   * Watch how students spend their time--studying, partying, socializing, exercising, etc.
   * Check out the size of the average dorm room and what furniture is available.
   * Look at what students have in their rooms and how they've arranged it--computers, TVs, etc.
   * What's available off campus--restaurants, theaters, museums, public libraries, job opportunities?
   * How well the campus & its facilities are maintained.

What to Ask:
   * Are there active fraternities and sororities on campus?
   * How good is the food in the dining facilities?
   * How many students are enrolled in the college? Your specific program? What is the average class size? How big is the largest class?
   * What intercollegiate and intramural teams are represented on campus?
   * Do you have student organizations and activities?
   * How safe is the campus? Where is campus security located? Are there safety programs, such as escorts and emergency phone boxes on campus?

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