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Navigating College Visits

College Coffee
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Setting up a College Visit

- Go to undergraduate admissions page on college website.
- Search for “visit” tab – most colleges schedule tours and information sessions online – register for both.
- Can still call the admissions office to register.
- Some colleges allow interviews – register for an interview online, if available.
- Do the online virtual tour as a preview.



Information sessions & Tours

- **Video/Power Point with presentation by admissions counselor, usually 45 minutes to an hour.**
- **Questions & answers.**
- **Walking tour or bus/golf cart for large campuses – led by trained student tour guides, usually 1 – 1.5 hours.**



Special Arrangements

- **Overnight visits – usually seniors only, small colleges.**
- **Specific departmental visits – schedule through admissions office.**
- **Class visits – schedule through admissions.**
- **Athletic visits.**



What to look for and questions to ask - Academic

- **Most popular majors**
- **% employed/grad school after graduation**
- **Average class size**
- **Faculty : student ratio**
- **Library and academic resources**
- **Career services**
- **Undergraduate research opportunities**



What to look for and questions to ask – Campus Culture

- **Student Activities Center**
- **Dining Halls**
- **Student wellness/exercise facilities/outdoor opportunities**
- **Read bulletin boards**
- **Pick up a student newspaper – read editorials**
- **Greek life**
- **Diversity of student body**
- **Political climate**
- **Cultural opportunities**



More things to consider

- Club sports
- Intramural programs
- Size of campus – walkability, bikes, bus transportation
- Housing options
- Urban, suburban, rural
- Distance to airport
- Food and shopping



College Cost

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books
- Transportation
- Housing
- Travel
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Employment opportunities on or near campus



Tips for visiting and interviewing

- Dress appropriately
- Arrive early
- Smile
- Firm handshake
- Know why you are interested in the school
- Be prepared to talk about your strengths, skills
- Give personal anecdotes and examples
- Be comfortable talking to adults
- Send thank you emails



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