

How To Decide

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- To choose the best college for you, you must talk to current students there.
- Talk with random people you see on campus, not just admissions officers and tour guides. You want to hear multiple viewpoints and certainly views beyond the party line. If you will not visit again before deciding, ask the admissions department if you can email with some current students. Also, you can find current students on LinkedIn, etc. and ask them if you can talk with them. Students are very willing to talk about their colleges.

Questions to ask at each school (take notes and compare)

- Will I have an assigned academic advisor, and how often can I meet with that person?
- Do you have _____ as a major? Where does the program rank nationally?
- How difficult is it to get into my program?
- When can I apply to get into my program? (# of times)
- Do recruiters come on campus for job fairs? Which recruiters?
- How does the office of career services help students with resumes, interviews, internships, etc?
- How many faculty are in my intended department?
- How many courses in my intended major are offered?
- What percentage of students are accepted into medical school?
- What percentage of students are accepted into graduate school?
- What is the average class size?
- What percentage of classes are taught by TA's?
- What percentage of students graduate in 4 years?
- What is the average gpa of admitted frosh?
- What is the average gpa of graduating seniors?
- How is school spirit?

- What are the main sporting events students attend?
- What percentage of students go home/away on weekends?
- What is the fraternity/sorority scene like? What percentage of students join?
- Do I need to be in a fraternity/sorority to feel like I have a social life?
- Is the campus wi-fi reliable?
- Where are your computer facilities, and what kind do you have?
- What do you have for workout facilities?
- Is academic support available?
- What are the dorms and laundry facilities like?
- How is the food?
- Study abroad - what percentage of students do so and where?
- Do I need a car on campus?
- What kind of clubs are available?
- Is community service important to school at all?
- What are your best loved campus traditions?
- What is diversity like here - in state, out of state, international, minorities?