

## Campus Visit Guide

SCHOOL NAME

LOCATION

DATE

|                             | Poor |   | Decent |   | Great |
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| ACADEMIC RIGOR              | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| ACADEMIC QUALITY            | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| STRENGTH OF YOUR MAJOR      | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| PROFESSOR ACCESS            | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| AFFORDABILITY/VALUE         | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY    | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| ON-CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES    | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| CAREER OUTCOMES             | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| HOUSING / DORMS             | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| LIBRARY / STUDY AREAS       | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| STUDENT CENTER              | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| PERFORMING ARTS             | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| CAMPUS CULTURE/FIT          | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| FOOD / CAFETERIAS           | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES     | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION       | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| LOCATION                    | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| STUDENT ENGAGEMENT          | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |
| YOUR HAPPINESS SCORE        | 1    | 2 | 3      | 4 | 5     |

## BY THE NUMBERS:

ACCEPTANCE RATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_  
undergrads      total      student-to-faculty ratioAVERAGE GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
weighted      un-weightedTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
REQUIRED      OPTIONAL      NONE  
preference      average scoreTOTAL COST: \_\_\_\_\_  
tuition / fees      housing & food      estimated totalAPPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
YES      NO      YES      NO  
early application      early decision

DORM TYPES: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLY INTO MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
YES      NO  
requirementDEMONSTRATED INTEREST: \_\_\_\_\_  
YES      NO  
consideredGRAD INFO: \_\_\_\_\_  
rate      job placement rateTOTAL POINTS  / 20 = SCORE 

WHAT IS YOUR GUT REACTION?

WHY WOULD YOU BE EXCITED  
TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL?WHY WOULD YOU HESITATE  
TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL?

## Preparing for your visit



### Note your priorities:

Make a list of your priorities before heading to campus. Feel free to simply put a star next to the category listed to the left if it's especially important to you.



### Do online research first:

Spend 10 minutes learning a little about majors, student makeup, admissions requirements, size, and location. Take note of anything you want to see or follow-up on during your visit.



### Schedule more than the official tour:

Reach out to the admissions office to see if it's possible to sit in on a class, meet with a professor in an area of interest, or tour/learn about any special programs (such as honors).



### Check out the area:

Get a recommendation from the staff or tour guide about places to check out nearby. Make sure to have lunch in a food hall or neighborhood hangout and, if possible, catch a campus concert or sporting event.



### Visit when school is in session:

If possible, try not to visit during a break or over the summer. Campuses feel remarkably different when students are buzzing around. This will give you a much better sense of campus culture.



### Use consistent evaluation:

Whether it's this tool or another, use the same evaluation and ask similar questions at each school. Rank each one shortly after your visit while the experience is fresh. This will make comparison easier.

## Questions to ask your tour guide...

- Why did you decide to go to school here?
- What was it like to make friends / get a campus job / join a club when you first started?
- How hard is it to get into the classes you actually want? What is your favorite class so far?
- What's the average class size like for intro-level courses versus upper-level ones?
- How easy is it to switch majors or add a minor here?
- How do students get around — is a car needed, is it walkable, is there a shuttle?
- What does support look like if a student is struggling — academically or otherwise?
- Have you used the school health services? How was your experience?
- What's the vibe of the students? Are they competitive, collaborative, social?
- How does housing work after freshman year — is it guaranteed and do most students stay on campus?
- How are the internship and career services on campus? Do employers actively recruit here?
- Overall, how accessible have you found the professors — office hours, response time, that kind of thing?
- How is the food? What dining options are there and how does the meal plan actually work?
- Where do people tend to hang out (campus town, greek houses, around campus, etc.)?
- What didn't we see as part of the tour that we should check out?
- What's your favorite study spot on campus? Favorite restaurant or coffee shop?