

Campus Visit Checklist

Make the Most of Your Trip

Here are things you shouldn't miss while visiting a college. Take a look at this list before planning campus trips to make sure that you allow enough time on each campus to get a sense of what the school -- and the life of its students -- is really like.

- Take a campus **tour**.
- Have an **interview** with admissions officer.
- Get business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts.
- Pick up **financial aid forms**.
- Participate in a group information session at the admissions office.
- Sit in on a **class** of a subject that interests you.
- Talk to a **professor** in your chosen major or in a subject that interests you.
- Talk to **coaches** of sports in which you might participate.
- Talk to a **student** or counselor in the career center.
- Spend the night in a **dorm**.
- Read the student **newspaper**.
- Try to find other student **publications** -- department newsletters, alternative newspapers, literary reviews.
- Scan **bulletin boards** to see what day-to-day student life is like.
- Eat in the **cafeteria**.
- **Ask a student** why he/she chose this college.
- **Wander** around the campus by yourself.
- Read for a little while in the **library** and see what it's like.
- **Search** for your favorite book in the library.
- Ask a student what he/she **hates** about the college.
- Ask a student what he/she **loves** about the college.
- Browse in the college **bookstore**.
- Walk or drive around the **community** surrounding the campus.
- Ask a student what he/she does on **weekends**.
- Listen to the college's **radio** station.
- Try to see a **dorm** that you didn't see on the tour.
- **Imagine** yourself attending this College/University for two/four years.