

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

PROGRAMS:

- What programs do you have that line up with my interests?
- If I don't know what major I should pursue, what services on campus are there to help me learn more about what might be a good match with my interests and skills?
- What classes would I be taking to complete my degree of interest?
- Relative to my degree of interest, what is the job placement rate (be sure to specify being employed in the job of targeted interest and not just "employed")?
- For my areas of interest, how well would a degree from your college compete in the job market against other college degree programs?
- Are there prerequisites to complete before formally entering into my college major of choice? And if so and it is not direct admittance, is it competitive? How does the application process work?

ADMISSIONS/COST:

- What GPA and ACT score do I need in order to avoid remedial course work and be admitted into college credit courses? If I have to take remedial course work, do the credits count towards a college degree?
- (community college) If my GPA or ACT comes below the minimum required, what process could I follow to be retested and allowed into college credit courses? If my test scores are still not high enough, please explain how remedial course credit works with my college major of interest.
- How much is it to attend your college full-time per semester? How about part-time?
- How much is it to live on campus? What are my housing options?
- Am I allowed to have a car on campus? What does it cost to park? Is there a public transportation service and what are those costs?

TRANSFERRING CREDITS:

- How easily do your credits transfer to other colleges? And to what colleges do they most easily transfer to?
- What problems relative to transferring from your college to another have you seen in the past that I should avoid?
- (community college) What 4-year colleges does this college best connect with relative to my degree of choice?
- What kind of help and how do I get help making choices of classes that I can be assured will transfer?

SCHEDULING:

- Are there multiple campuses (satellite campuses) to your school and if so, where are they and would I be able to take classes there? Which classes are offered relative to my area of interest on the xxxxx satellite campus?
- Of the classes I would be taking, are there any typically also offered in the evenings?
- Of the classes I would be taking, are there some offered on-line?
- How do I know how to schedule my classes and what classes to take?
- (community college) I'm planning on attending a community college to get "my basics" in. What would a typical schedule look like for me?
- Are courses taught by professors or graduate assistants? When I schedule my courses, will I know the difference?
- When I schedule my courses, will I know how many are in the class so I have choice of being in a large or small section?
- Will your college or my intended degree program accept my AP classes as college credit? My score was xx.
- (For MCC, GRCC, Baker, Davenport only) Are there any of my high school courses that I took (with a B or better) articulate for the degree program I am interested in?

SERVICES:

- What services does your college offer in the way of helping to find jobs after graduation?
- What kinds of academic counseling do you provide?
- Are there tutoring services and do they cost anything?
- What kind of personal counseling services are available and do they cost anything?
- What kind of help could I get with my financial aid questions?
- How would I make an appointment for any of these types of services?
- Will my mother or father have access to my grades or to my professors?

WHAT QUESTIONS HAVEN'T I ASKED THAT I SHOULD HAVE?

On your campus tour also make note of the following facts as you talk to people and make general observations:

- Culture (clubs, fraternity/sorority, sports, conservative/liberal, demographics, urban/rural, public/private)
- Size - campus, of specific programs, classes (professor to student ratio)
- Location - (distance away from home, closest city, ease of getting to conveniences)
- Flexibility to change majors
- Graduation rate and freshmen retention rate
- Safety statistics