



Woot woot - Congrats on making it to grade 12 (or maybe you're in grade 11 and just really on top of it – even better)! Either way, college and university fairs are in full swing this fall and you need to know what important questions to ask while you're there. These 35 questions (don't ask them all at once) will give you a good understanding of what should influence your university and college application decisions.

Let's start with the basics: Admission Requirements.

1. What courses are required for admission to my program of interest?
2. Do you accept night school, summer school and correspondence courses?
3. Are there any additional or special requirements for program admission?
4. What is the minimum academic average required for program admission? How will my average be calculated?
5. Is the program competitive? How many students apply? How many students are ultimately accepted?
6. How can I increase my chances of acceptance?
7. Once accepted, can I change my major? When?
8. If I am not accepted to the program I want, do I have other options within your school?

Conversations about money don't have to be awkward! Campus reps know that going to college and university is expensive and they want to help you through it. Ask the tough questions; they don't mind!

1. What's the cost to attend your school for one year?
2. What kind of financial aid opportunities are offered through your school?
3. Do you only offer financial aid to students with high grades?
4. Do I need to apply or are there automatic scholarships or bursaries?

5. Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the local campus community?

Living away from home for the first time is exciting! Ask about campus housing to make sure you really get the experience you're looking for.

- 1. What percentage of freshmen live on campus?**
- 2. What are the on and off-campus housing options?**
- 3. Is residence guaranteed?**
- 4. How do I apply for residence?**
- 5. Can I choose my residence? Room? Roommate?**
- 6. What types of rooms are available?**
- 7. Are meal plans optional or mandatory in residence?**
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- 9. Do meal plans accommodate food allergies, vegetarian or vegan diets, health or faith-based restrictions, and other dietary requirements?**

A portion of your academic fees will include funding for on-campus student services. Find out what each school has to offer.

- 1. What academic and career services are available to your students?**
- 2. What resources are there for students who need tutoring?**
- 3. Does the campus have any on-site medical facilities? Are they open 24 hours a day?**
- 4. Are there any additional support services specifically for freshman?**

This is your education! Ask questions about the classroom experience to ensure the school's teaching style and your learning needs match up.

- 1. What is the average class size for my program of interest?**
- 2. Will my freshman classes be larger than upper-year classes?**
- 3. What types of classes can I expect to experience through this program? Lectures, labs, etc.**
- 4. Are professors approachable and available to help?**
- 5. How will I receive class notes and updates?**

One of the best parts of going to college or university is the chance to surround yourself with new people, places and things to explore.

Here are some things you might want to ask with regards to the local school community.

1. What is the town/city like? Is it urban? Suburban? Rural?
2. Is the campus easily accessible by public transportation or will I need a car?
3. Are there a lot of on-campus events for me to attend? What type?
4. What types of groups can I get involved with at your school?

Remember, different people will have a different perspective on each of the above questions. Ask your campus reps but also consider asking current students and alumni about their experiences at a particular school.

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