

## **HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A COLLEGE? Research and ask questions.**

- Before speaking with an admission representative from a four-year institution, it is best to first do some research on the school.
- Below is a list of questions. The answers are often found on the school's website.
- For those questions you still don't know the answer to, then ask the admission representatives.

### **Academics**

- What majors is your school known for?
- Do you offer my major?
- Is the school regionally accredited?
- Is admission in to my major competitive?
- How many students attend this school?
- What is the average class size? What is the largest?
- Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?
- Are classes offered mainly during the day, or are there also evening classes?
- Can I enroll part-time?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?
- What tutoring assistance is available?
- What advising support do you provide?
- What career counseling assistance do you provide?
- What are the libraries and computer labs like?
- Do you have a wireless campus?

### **Admissions**

- What percentage of students at your school are transfer students?
- What percentage of applications are accepted?
- What are the transfer admission requirements?
- Are SAT or ACT scores required?
- Is TOEFL required? What is the average score of admitted students? (this applies only to international students)
- What is the maximum number of credits I can transfer?
- What grade do I have to earn in a course for it to transfer? Will a "D" transfer?
- If courses do not transfer, what happens to them?
- What GPA do I need to transfer?
- If I repeat a course in community college, which grade transfers?
- How far in advance should I apply for transfer?
- When is the deadline for transfer applications? Is there a different deadline for international students?
- What is the academic success record for transfer students?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- Do I have to send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?
- If I'm not accepted in my major what are my options? Can I change to another major? Have my application sent to another campus for consideration?
- What is your college's foreign language requirement?

- Do you require a high school diploma? GED?

### **Student and campus life**

- Is housing available for transfer students?
- Is off-campus housing readily available?
- Is this mainly a residential campus or is there a significant commuting population?
- Do you have student organizations and activities?
- Do you have a multicultural center or an office of diversity?
- Are there things to do in the area outside of campus?
- Are there opportunities for intramural sports?
- Are there athletic teams?
- Is there job placement assistance after graduation?

### **Financial Aid**

- What type of financial aid is available?
- What percentage of the students obtain financial aid?
- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- Are there specific scholarships for transfer students? International students? If yes, what are the average scholarship amounts?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- What is the total cost of my attending for one year including books, fees & tuition?
- What is the cost of on-campus housing if it's available for transfer students?
- Are part-time jobs available on campus?

### **Tips for when you visit a campus**

- Wear comfortable shoes!
- Many times students will be leading your campus tour. Ask them questions about their experience as a student and what they wish they had known about the school prior to attending?
- Visit the student union, or a place where students gather, and just observe the interactions.
- Request sitting in a class that pertains to your specific major.
- Ask if they offer programs where you can spend either one night or a weekend at the campus.

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