

“70 Questions to Guide you to the Perfect College”

Every student has a different reason for choosing a college or university; it can be because of the small class sizes, distance from a major city or a great athletic reputation. Whatever the reason, CollegeWeekLive can help you narrow down your options. Our **LIVE CHAT** feature gives students direct access to admission representations and students from the colleges and universities they are interested in.

Below is a list of questions that will guide you through your conversations with college admissions representatives. These questions will allow you to discover unique aspects of campus, what you can expect from freshman year and ultimately, what school is the best fit for you. To begin, find the **LIVE CHAT, GO!** button in the college’s or university’s booth of your choice.

BASIC INFORMATION: Ask introductory questions about the college to learn more

1. What town is the college/ university located?
2. Is it a rural or urban campus?
3. Public or private school?
4. Is the school religiously affiliated?
5. Does the school offer 4 year degrees?
6. How many students are in the freshman class?

What is the total student population?

ADMISSIONS: Understand the school’s admissions process before you apply

1. When is the application deadline?
 - a. Is there an early application deadline?
 - b. Is there an application fee? If so, how much is it?
 - c. Does the school cover application fees for those who financial qualify?
 - d. Is there rolling admissions?
 - e. Do you have an online application?
2. Does the college accept the Common Application?
3. Is the SAT or ACT required for admissions?
 - a. What is the average standardized test score?
4. What is the minimum GPA requirement?
5. What percentage of out-of-state students are accepted?
6. Is orientation required for accepted students?
7. Is there an honors program?
 - a. If so, is there a separate application?

ACADEMICS: Explore the educational opportunities that are available and see if there is a program that interests you.

1. What is the average freshman class size?
2. Student to faculty ratio?
3. Are general education classes required?
4. Are classes taught by professors, TA’s, etc?

5. Are professors required to have office hours?
6. How many majors and programs are offered?
7. Do you offer online classes?
8. Are students required to declare a major?
9. Do you recommend students declare a major before starting freshman year?
10. How difficult is the process to change majors?
11. Do you accept high school AP/IB credits?
12. Do you accept community college credits?
13. Is there an academic support center on campus?
14. What services are available for students with learning differences?
15. Do most students graduate in 4 years?
 - a. How many credits or hours are required to proceed to next academic year?
16. Already know what you want to major in? Here are some great questions to ask:
 - a. Are there separate application requirements within a major?
 - b. How many freshmen are accepted into the program?
 - c. Is the GPA different?
 - d. Are you required to take Gen Ed. Classes?

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE: Discover the on-campus and off-campus living options that are available to you.

1. Are freshman required to live on campus?
2. Are freshman allowed to have cars?
 - a. If so, how available is parking to students?
 - b. How much are residential parking permits?
3. What percentage of students live on campus?
4. When are students eligible to move off-campus?
 - a. What percent live off campus?
5. Are there freshman only dorms?
6. What are the housing options available (i.e. communal bathrooms for the floor, suites, etc.)
7. May I select a roommate?
8. Will I have a Residential Advisor?
9. What will my dorm room come with?
10. Is bed-lofting available?
11. Are there dining halls in the dorm?
12. How many dining halls are available?
 - a. What types of meal plans are available?
 - b. How late dining halls are open?
 - c. Does my meal plan work off campus?
 - d. Are there any chain restaurants?
 - e. Are there take-out options on campus?
 - f. Are there dining options for students with dietary restrictions?

STUDENT LIFE: Whether you are looking for a college down the street or across the county, you'll want to know about the campus community.

1. Is public transportation available to students?
2. Is campus close to an airport?
3. How many clubs and organizations are on campus?
4. Is there Greek life?
 - a. Are sororities and fraternities prominent on campus?
5. What percentage of students are student athletes?
6. How easy is it to start a new interest organization?
7. Are there club and intramural sports?
 - a. Is there a gym on campus?
 - i. If so, is there a fee for joining?
8. Are there religiously based services on campus?
9. How active is the student government on campus?
10. What volunteer opportunities are available through the college?
11. What academic societies are available to students?
12. What types of job opportunities are available off campus?
13. What activities are available to do off campus (i.e. skiing, hiking, etc.)?
14. Is there a student programming board?
 - a. What type of events do they host for students?
15. Is there a large student center?
 - a. If so, what can you do there?
16. What is a unique feature of the campus?

PAYING FOR COLLEGE: College is an investment in your future. Make sure that you understand the financial investment you are making before deciding on a college.

1. What are the in-state and out of state tuitions?
 - a. Do you also offer regional tuition?
2. What types of in-state scholarships are available?
3. Do you offer merit based scholarships?
4. Are there any full tuition opportunities available?
5. Are work study opportunities available?
 - a. If so, how many hours are required?
6. Can I qualify for scholarships after I have already enrolled as a student?
7. What is the average price of books?
8. Is freshman year tuition locked for all 4 years?
9. When is the FAFSA deadline?
10. Does the school accept outside loans?
11. Is there a credit union or bank on campus?
12. Is there flex spending (campus account)?
13. What percent of students get a job after graduation?

