

Hints for College Visits

- Try to plan your campus visits when the college is in session (spring of junior year or fall of senior year)
- Before you visit the campus, call ahead to make arrangements (tour, meal on campus, and attend a freshman level class)
- Develop a list of questions and plan specific activities to accomplish goals
- Plan on being on campus at last at half day (stay overnight if possible)
- Attend a freshman class to get an idea of typical size, teaching style and academic atmosphere
- Take a thorough campus tour and ask lots of questions
- Meet with an admissions officer: verify admission requirements, discuss your chances for success, communicate your reasons for applying (take a copy of your transcript if possible)
- Meet with a financial aid officer
- Meet with faculty in your academic area of interest
- Ask about placement record for graduates in the field you might study
- Identify career planning services for undergraduates
- Talk to students about the general academic environment and the study commitment necessary for success
- Find out what student activities are available
- Inquire about campus life and social activities
- Record your impressions
- Write a thank you note (especially if you met with a professor or coach)