

QUESTIONS TO ASK COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELORS

General:

- What makes your school different or special?
- How many undergraduates go here?
- What is the average class size here? (*Are there 24 students per class or 50 students per class? This will give you a reasonable idea of how many people will be in class with you.*)
- What is your retention rate? (*This means...the % of first year college students who continue on to their second year at a given institution. It's a great measure of student satisfaction*)*The national average retention rate is 77%
- What is your graduation rate? (*This is the % of students who graduate in 6 years at a 4-year school.*)*The national average is 55% (figures for 2009)

Academics:

- Are certain majors hard to get into? Which ones?
- What are your largest majors on campus?
- Do you offer study abroad opportunities? What countries can students go to?
- What % of graduates go directly into the work force? What % go to grad school?
- Do graduate students teach undergraduates?

Campus Life:

- How large is the campus?
- If the school is far away, ask...How far is the campus from the nearest airport?
- Does the college provide transportation locally? To airports/ shopping areas?
- Are freshmen allowed to have cars on campus? What about sophomores?
- How are students assigned to a room and or roommate?
- Are there co-ed dorms? Or are dorms all single-gender?
- What services are provided in the dorms (Ex. laundry, kitchen, air conditioning?)
- What meal plans are available?
- What athletic teams do you have?
- What other activities can students get involved in on campus?

Admission:

- When is your admission deadline?
- Do you require students to submit letters of recommendation to apply?
- Does your application include an essay or multiple essays?
- What is the GPA you are looking for in order to be admitted to your school?
- What is the ACT Score you are looking for?
- Do you have an application deadline?
- How much does it cost to apply?

Financial Aid:

- What is the cost of attending this school?
- Do you offer scholarships? What types are available? How do you apply?
- Are there jobs available on campus for all students?
- What %of students receive financial aid?

Academic Assistance:

- What type of academic advising is provided...who helps students figure out which classes to take?
- How do I meet with professors if I have questions or need help?
- Do you offer free tutoring for students?
- Do you offer internships? Are they available for all majors?
- Do you have a career counseling office on campus that helps students?