

Questions to Ask College Representatives

Campus Location and Community

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban or rural setting?
- What kinds of social, cultural, and recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- How far away from home is your campus? How much time does it take to get there by car, by public transportation?
- Will I need a car to get around? Or be allowed to have one? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community or school?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin and end?

Majors and Programs

- Do you offer my major?
- Are advanced degrees (masters/doctorate) offered?
- In my degree program accredited? By whom and at what level (undergraduate and graduate)?
- What other programs do you offer which will support my major?
- Can I enroll part-time; take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends, or during summer?
- Are there internships opportunities available on campus, in the community?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?

Cost

- What are the costs of tuition or registration fees, books, and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?
- When do I pay for those fees?
- Do I have to send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?
- What is the cost for part-time enrollment?



Financial Aid

- What kinds of financial assistance are available?
- When and how do I apply for Financial Aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain ethnic minorities and other underrepresented groups?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

Housing

- Do you have campus residence halls?
- Do I have to live on campus?
- How and when do I apply?
- When will I know if you have room for me?
- Can I choose my roommate?
- When do I have to sign a contract, submit a deposit to confirm my room?
- Is it easy to find a place to live near campus? What are the cost ranges?
- Do you offer family housing?



Admissions

- Does your campus offer a TAA with Foothill College?
- What are your admission requirements for a transfer student?
- Do you have an early admission plan? How can I qualify?
- Do you have a special admission program for students from certain ethnic minority and underrepresented groups? How can I qualify? What kind of special help will be available to me after I enroll?
- Can I retake an admission test to qualify?
- How can you determine my grade if I repeat a course?
- Will a course in which I receive a “D” grade count?
- Do you give extra credit for honor courses?
- Can I take summer courses to qualify?
- What is the admissions priority for transfer students from community college or from four-year college? If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer?
- Where, when and how can I get an application?