

CAMPUS VISIT CHECKLIST

The college search process is a time for discovery and learning. With our Campus Visit Checklist, you can make the most of your on-campus tour. Our guide will help you assess the essentials and turn an ordinary visit into a memorable one.

Before: Preparing for a Campus Visit

- ☐ Note basic facts about the school: size, majors offered, location.
- ☐ Visit the website for your potential major(s).
- ☐ Take note of what stands out in your major: classes, faculty, research.

Before: Research Campus Social Life and Extracurriculars

- ☐ Read up on the social life of the school – does it fit with you?
- ☐ What clubs are there? Examples: robotics, hiking, GSA, investment, Greek Life, intramural sports, theater, affinity groups.
- ☐ Are there volunteering and community service opportunities that interest you?

During: Campus Grounds and Experience

- ☐ Can you imagine yourself here?
- ☐ Does the school vibe match with yours?
- ☐ Does the campus offer study spaces suited to you?
- ☐ Can you navigate the campus easily? Can you get from one part to another?
- ☐ Does the school offer energizing spaces for exploration: i.e., science labs, art studios, makerspaces, entrepreneurial hubs?
- ☐ Do the culinary offerings meet your dietary restrictions or needs?
- ☐ What impression do you get from the campus facilities, grounds, upkeep, technology, and buildings?

During: Academics:

- ☐ Does your potential major seem compelling and manageable to you?
- ☐ What are the general education or core curriculum requirements at the school?
- ☐ Is there a robust study abroad program?
- ☐ Does the school help students to find internships or co-ops?
- ☐ Do the class sizes work for you?
- ☐ Is there academic support for math and writing, and are there peer or professional tutors for content areas?

During: Expert Tips

- ☐ Look at bulletin boards around campus to learn about activities and events.
- ☐ Don't hesitate to ask your tour guide or other students on campus their favorite or least favorite things about the school.
- ☐ If the school has a (printed or online) newspaper, read it
- ☐ Take photographs. It will help you to remember the school.

After: Application Strategy

- ☐ Know the application timeline: applying earlier is always better.
- ☐ Are there special requirements for your major?
- ☐ Did you speak to your school guidance counselor about sending your school materials?
- ☐ Make sure you've fulfilled the high school class requirements for your intended major.

At Plan the Path, we are expert consultants guiding you through the complexities of college admissions. By working with us, we will create targeted school recommendations that will make your search purposeful. Reach out to A'Nya, our Student Services Manager, at anya@planthepath.com to start the conversation.