



Top 20 Questions to Ask Colleges

College Counseling

1. How many students apply each year to the school, and how many are accepted? (This stat should also be available on the school's website.)
2. What are the average **grade point average (GPA)**, ACT and/or SAT scores for students accepted?
3. Does the college look at each ACT or SAT test separately or can students submit scores from different test dates, such as the math score from an SAT test taken in July and a critical reading score from a September SAT test?
4. Does the school give academic credit for **AP/IB** high school courses?
5. Are freshman courses taught by professors or **teaching assistants**?
6. What is the teacher to student ratio?
7. When is it necessary to **declare a major**?
8. What are the academic requirements for my degree program or major?
9. What percentage of students graduate in four years? And how many go on to complete a **master's degree**?
10. What is the average school class size in the programs I'm interested in?
11. What teaching methods are used for my degree program (**lecture**, group discussion, fieldwork, etc.)?
12. What are the student body demographics?
13. What percentage of college students live on-campus in **dorms** versus off-campus in apartments?
14. What percentage of the student body belongs to the Greek system?
15. How much did the cost of room and board, tuition and fees go up from last year?
16. What are the deadlines for admissions and financial aid applications?
17. Can I apply to the school **early decision or early action**?
18. When is my admission status decided, and when will I be notified?
19. What percentage of students receive financial aid at the college?
20. What kind of job placement programs are available for students