Questions to Ask on Your College Tour

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The Basics- Ask the student tour guides or other students on campus

1. Why did you choose this school?
2. Are you happy here?
3. What are your school's strengths?
4. What's your #1 complaint about your school?
5. What else could stand to be improved?
6. How accessible are administrators, registrars, financial aid officers, etc.?
7. Do you feel safe on campus?
8. What is it like here on the weekends? Do people go home or stay here?
9. What kind of intramural sports are there? Do lots of people participate?
10. How do most people get around campus? Walk? Drive? Bike? Shuttle?

Academics- can ask Admissions or tour guide

11. What majors are popular?
12. What departments or programs have the best reputations?
13. What's your favorite class?
14. Are the professors good? Interesting?
15. Do your professors hold office hours, and will they meet with you outside of class?
16. Are most of your classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?
17. Were you able to take most of your first-choice classes?
18. Are your classes lecture-based or discussion-based?
19. How much reading and writing is required in your courses?
20. How often are collaborative work or group presentations required?
21. How satisfied are you with academic advising?
22. Do students use any on-campus tutoring programs or writing centers?
23. How big are your classes?
24. Does your major require an independent study or capstone project ?
25. Are professors available for research with students?
26. Is it popular to study abroad for a semester? Are any study abroad programs led by a professor?

Campus Life- Ask tour guide

27. What's it like to be a first-year student here? Is orientation good?
28. Where do people hang out between classes?
29. How much time do students spend studying per week? Are there tutors available?
30. What do you do when you're not in class?

31. What do you do on the weekends?
32. What is the social scene like?
33. What kinds of things are there to do locally?
34. How's the food? How many dining options are there? Is it tracked by dollar amount or just one swipe of the dining card gets you in for unlimited food? How late are they open?
35. Do most students live on-campus?
36. How are the dorms? Are they suite style or rooms? Are the bathrooms communal hall bathrooms or shared by a few connected rooms?
37. Are you guaranteed housing all four years?
38. Which clubs and student organizations are popular?
39. Do lots of students belong to fraternities or sororities?
40. What's your favorite place on campus?
41. Where do you like to study?
42. What are the facilities like (science labs, libraries theatres, gyms, etc.)?
43. Are there enough computer labs?
44. How is the WiFi on campus?
45. Is it easy to get around campus?
46. Are sports popular?
47. Is there a lot of school spirit?

Student Body- Ask guide or Admissions

48. How would you describe your fellow students?
49. Are the students here friendly?
50. What makes the student body unique?
51. How diverse is the campus?
52. Are there many students from other countries?
53. Do students of different races and classes interact easily?
54. What is the guy/girl ratio?
55. Are most of the students from this state or from all over?

Career Services- Ask Admissions

56. Is there an office dedicated to helping students get internships? Is it good?
57. Is the Career Services office helpful? What do they do for students?
58. Does your school have a co-op program that let's students get experience working in their major?
59. Are there opportunities to build leadership skills on campus?
60. What options exist for service-learning in the community?
61. Do employers recruit students on campus?
62. How easy is it to find summer jobs and other kinds of work through your school?
63. Who are some of the notable graduates from your college?
64. How visible is your school's alumni association on campus? Do alumni support recent grads with networking and job opportunities?