

Sample Questions to Ask College Representatives

Whether you meet them at a college fair or on a campus visit, college reps genuinely enjoy talking to high school students and answering questions about their college. The following questions will help start a good dialogue:

About the university

- Can you describe the atmosphere at your university?
- What are the strengths of your university?
- What is the major difference of this university compared to ...?
- What percentage of international students are there at the university?
- What is unique about this university?
- Why do you think students choose to go to your university (their feedback)?
- What is the staff-student ratio?
- Does the university have strong industry links, ie. Will it help me find a job?
- What in your view makes a strong application?
- If I have the opportunity to visit your university, how do I arrange a campus tour?

Courses

- I am interested in a career in _____ can you tell me about the range of courses you have on offer that I could do to follow my desired career path?
- What subjects and grade requirements are there for this course?
- How would you describe the academic pressure and workload?
- I am not sure what I want to study yet but I like _____ (subjects) at school. What would you recommend?
- Do your courses involve internships?
- Is it possible to study at other universities (exchange) as a part of the course?
- What career paths are possible for _____ course?
- What do you recommend as other options if I do not achieve the grades required for the course?
- What teaching methods are used in this course?
- How will I be assessed in this course?
- What electives are available in this course?

Student Services

- Do you network international students and/or provide support for them?
- I am interested in _____ (sport/activities), is this available?
- What are the most popular clubs and activities?
- Is there a sports complex or fitness centre?
- What are the housing options for freshmen?
- Do many students live off campus?
- What sport/music/performing arts facilities are there?
- Do you have part time jobs available on campus?
- What happens on weekends – are there things to do on campus or in town, or do most students go home?
- Is there support for learning difficulties?
- Can you tell me about your library facilities?

What's the security like on campus?

What's the surrounding area like? Is it easy to get around?

General

Do you have summer programmes – what are they and how can I find out more?

What scholarships are available for international students? How do I apply?

What does it cost (fees + accommodation) to study _____ course?

(What if I want to take a gap year – Is this allowed/encouraged? If so, what should I do?