**Considerations when looking at a College**

**The environment and facilities**

* What services are offered by the campus health/counseling center?
* How safe is the campus?
* Is there on and/or off campus transportation available?
* Are the dorms spread around campus or in one area?
* Are there security measures in residence halls?
* Are there campus police and do they patrol regularly?
* Are the dining halls easily accessible?
* Do the dining halls have a good variety of choices?
* How many dorm rooms share a restroom?
* Do the rooms have Wifi?
* Are the dorms single sex or co ed?
* How large are the rooms? Is there enough space for you to comfortably study?
* Are there shops nearby to get your necessities?
* Are there enough apartments in the area if you choose to move out of the dorms in the future?
* Do you feel comfortable with the size of the campus and the number of students?
* How much parking is available and how much does it cost?
* Are there any upcoming changes to facilities?
* Are the research facilities up to modern standards (or beyond)?

**Questions to ask current students**

* Are your professors accessible if you need help?
* Do most students leave on the weekends?
* Does the greek system dominate the campus social life?
* How many students are in your classes?
* How well does the Wifi work around campus?
* How hard do you have to work to do well in classes?
* How often are your classes taught by teacher assistants?
* How is the food in the residence halls?
* How is the school climate and school spirit?
* What do students do with their free time?
* Do you feel like you are getting appropriate advisement?

**The education and academic programs**

* What are the job placement or grad school placement rates?
* Are they able to assist with internships?
* Are study abroad programs available?
* What are the strong majors at the school?
* What is the average amount of loans students leave with?
* What is the graduation rate in 4- 6 years?
* What is the retention rate of freshmen into sophomore year?
* Are there automatic grants available to incoming students?
* Do they have a tuition freeze for four years?
* Is tutoring and a writing center available to all students?
* What kind of resources do you have available for students that had special services through high school?
* What types of career services are available?
* Is there an honors program?
* How are advisors assigned to students?
* What assistance is provided to students who are undecided?
* Are they on semesters or trimesters?
* Are textbooks purchased or rented?
* What are the admission requirements?
* Are there special admission requirements for your major?
* What is the application deadline?
* How are you placed in your classes the first year?
* What research opportunities are available in your field of study?
* When are students required to select a major?

The student life

* What kind of clubs are available?
* How many students are involved in the greek system?
* What kind of Intramural sports are available?
* Can you choose your roommate?
* What type of activities are offered by the school?
* What type of student work study is available?
* Is there a recreation facility for your use?

**Do not be afraid to ask to meet with an advisor or a faculty major of your intended area of study.**

**You can also ask to sit in on class. This may be the chance to sit in on a large class so you can see if you feel like you can learn in that setting.**

**You can also ask for an overnight visit to be arranged. This is especially important for athletes so that they can meet players outside of the coaching setting.**