

Academic Challenge

Seek demanding intellectual and creative academic work

- What do professors expect of students?
- In what ways do professors challenge students to leave their “comfort zone” in order to excel?
- How much time do students spend on homework each week?
- What types of assignments are given (papers, exams, problem sets, rehearsals, research projects)
- How much writing is expected?
- How much reading is assigned per class?
- What are exams like?
- In what ways are students given the opportunity to express themselves creatively in assignments?
- What types of tutors or tutoring opportunities exist on campus?
- How flexible is the curriculum? Are there extensive requirements for graduation?

Active Learning

Become intensely involved in your education

- How and when are majors selected and can they be self-designed?
- How do students receive help selecting classes?
- How often are things learned in class discussed outside of the classroom?
- In what ways do students work together on solving problems in and out of class?
- How frequently do students make class presentations?
- How many courses require community service?
- What types of internships are available and are they required to graduate?

Student-Faculty Interaction

The more contact students have with faculty the better

- How often do professors meet with students outside of class?
- How many students do research with faculty?
- What does the institution do to promote student-faculty contact?
- How often do students get feedback on coursework, and of what type?
- Whom do students talk to about career plans?
- In what ways do students, faculty, and staff work together on campus committees?
- How well do students get along with faculty, administrators, and staff?

Out-of-Class Experience

Discover positive out-of-class activities that will deepen learning

- What activities are available to help students apply classroom learning to real life?
- What percentage of students study in other countries?
- What percentage of students do community service?
- What types of student organizations are on campus and how active are they?
- What kinds of leadership opportunities are available?
- What kinds of special projects, seminars, or other experiences are offered or required of seniors?

Campus Environment

Focus on your social and academic development

- What do students like about this campus?
- What do students dislike or complain about on campus?
- What kinds of activities are students involved with outside of the classroom?
- What do students do on the weekends and what percentage of students commutes?
- What do students do for fun?
- What types of public transportation are available on campus or in the area?
- What opportunities are available for spiritual expression or growth?
- What types of support services (academic and non-academic) are available?

Diversity

Engage in diverse cultural experiences

- In what ways are students exposed to multiple cultures or diverse perspectives?
- How is diversity incorporated into the curriculum?
- Where are students from and how many are from other countries?

Technology

Get connected

How is technology used in the classroom?

- What types of computers, technology, online information, and support services are available?
- How many students have their own computers?

Other

- How is the college calendar set up? When are the breaks? When are exams?
- Are there opportunities for short-term in-depth study?
- What kinds of athletic and intramural activities are available?
- What kinds of study abroad programs are available?
- What kinds of entertainment events come to campus?
- What kinds of summer courses or internships are available?
- What kinds of honors courses, learning communities, or other unique opportunities are offered?
- What financial aid or scholarship money is available?
- What percentage of students receives merit scholarships?
- What percentage of students work off campus?
- What safety services are available to students?
- What sorts of health and counseling services are offered?
- What are the residential housing options like?
- Where do students eat and are there flexible meal plans?