

SUGGESTIONS FOR CAMPUS VISITS

- Most tour guides are students who have been hired and trained by the Admissions Office. They are well informed and eager to answer your questions.
- It is important to remember that the guide's personality does not reflect the personality of all students on campus. Thus, don't make a judgment based on that one individual.
- Try to stay as close as possible to the guide, and ask questions about housing, social activities, fraternities and sororities, college spirit, etc. while you're walking.
- Make certain you have comfortable shoes, as most tours take 45-60 minutes of constant walking.
- The tour gives you a general overview of the campus, but there is little time to provide in-depth information about facilities that might be of special interest to you. If you are particularly interested in the lab facilities, performing arts, a sport or sport facility, etc., you are free to explore on your own or make appointments to meet with coaches or Department representatives.
- The student center or student union is usually the hub of activity on campus. Make time to avail yourself of the wealth of information provided at the center. Look at bulletin boards for information regarding activities, featured speakers and campus events
- If possible, pick up a student newspaper, a listing of organizations and activities, and information on campus and city transportation serving the area.
- The student bookstore provides you with an opportunity to peruse some of the textbooks being used for the current academic session. The textbooks are arranged according to subject area.
- After the tour, return to the dorms. Look for students and ask them questions. Most will be happy to provide information and will tend to be quite candid about their likes and dislikes at the school.
- It is often possible to attend a class in some specific subject area, if arrangements are made in advance through the admissions office.
- Make arrangements ahead of time to meet a coach, department chair or any campus faculty who might shed light on an interest area that's important to you. Even a brief meeting will give you a contact for further investigation as the application and decision process unfolds.
- Write down the names of people you meet on each campus – interviewer, coach, tour guide. This is good information for further reference.