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# Making the Most of a Campus Visit

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It may be tempting for students to just yell “roadtrip!” and head out to campuses, but a campus visit will be a lot more beneficial if it is planned ahead. There are some things that students should not miss while visiting a college. The following list can be helpful when planning campus trips to make sure that enough time is allowed on each campus to get a sense of what the school – and the life of its students – is really like.

Take a campus tour  
Get business cards and names of people you meet for future contacts

Pick up financial aid information

Participate in a group information session at the admissions office

Ask “Do I need a computer? If so, what kind?”

Arrange to sit in on a class of a subject that interests you

Talk to a professor in your chosen major or in a subject that interests you

Talk to coaches of sports in which you might participate

Talk to a student or counselor in the career center – ask about internships

Find the laundry facilities

Locate the recreational facilities

Read the student newspaper

Scan bulletin boards to see what day-to-day student life is like

Find out where students get food (dining hall, pizza, fast food)

Ask a student why he/she chose this college

Wander around the campus by yourself

Read for a little while in the library and see what it is like

Ask a student what he/she likes and dislikes about the college

Browse in the college bookstore

Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus

Ask a student what h/she does on weekends

Listen to the college’s radio station

Imagine yourself attending this college for four years