

Transfer Day – Suggested Questions to Ask College/University Representatives

What are your campus and community like?

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban or rural setting?
- What kinds of social, cultural and recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- How far away from my home is your campus? How much time does it take to get there by car, by public transportation?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community/school?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin, end?

Tell me about your programs.

- Do you offer my anticipated major?
- Are advanced degrees (master's, doctorate) offered?
- Is my degree program accredited? By whom? What level (undergraduate/ graduate)?
- What other programs do you offer which will support my major?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus or in the community?
- Do you have an honors program?

How much does your college cost?

- What are the costs of tuition or registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?
- When do I pay those fees?
- What are the chances fees will be increased and when will I know?
- Is financial aid available?
- What kinds of financial assistance are available?
- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain ethnic minorities and other underrepresented groups?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

What about housing?

- Do you have campus residence halls?
- Do I have to live on campus?
- How and when do I apply? When will I know if you have room for me?
- Can I choose my roommate?
- When do I have to sign a contract, submit a deposit to confirm my room?
- Is it easy to find a place to live near campus? What are the cost ranges?

Will I be eligible for admission?

- What are your admission requirements for freshmen, for transfers? Do you have an early admission plan?
- Do you have a special admission program for low-income students? How can I qualify? What kinds of special help will be available to me after I enroll?
- How do you determine my grade if I repeat a course?
- Will a course in which I received a "D" grade count?
- How do you recognize honors, AP, IB and transferable college courses?
- Can I take summer courses after I graduate from high school to qualify?
- What is the admissions priority of transfer students from community colleges, from four-year colleges?
- If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer? How and when will I know?

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How do I apply for admission?

- Where, when and how can I get an application?
- When can I first apply? What is your application deadline date?
- May I apply to more than one campus in your system? How? May I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind?
- When do I have to submit transcripts, test scores and other admissions materials?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- Is my anticipated major overcrowded (impacted)? If so, what special requirements do I need to meet? If I'm not accepted in my major, what are my options?

What else do I need to know?

- May I take courses at your college for college credit before I graduate from high school? What are the requirements for enrolling? When and how do I sign up?
- How do I make arrangements to take a tour of your campus?
- Do you have an open house program for prospective students? Who do I contact for more information, and when?