

What to do at a College Fair

Preparations for the Fair

- Bring a pad and pen for notes or you can use your phone or ipad. A bag for materials and items from schools is also a good idea.
- Be prepared to complete contact cards – **save yourself some time by bringing along preprinted labels with your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, school name and grade.**
- Think about the questions that you'd like the college rep to answer. Take notes if necessary

What kinds of questions can be answered at the fair?

Representatives are prepared to answer almost all of the questions you might have about life and study at their university. Some questions you might like answers to include:

- Which departments are considered to be strongest at your institution?
- What programs make the school unique?
- Is there a required first-year program and a culminating senior experience?
- How often and how many students work on research projects with faculty?
- Are students able to easily access courses outside of their major?
- What percent of students receive financial aid and what form does this aid take? Is financial aid guaranteed for all four years?
- Are students accepted without regard for their need for aid (need-blind admissions)? Do you offer merit scholarships? How about scholarships for minority students or those studying particular subjects?
- What percentage of freshmen return for their sophomore year? What percentage of entering freshmen graduate in four years? In six years?
- Are there special opportunities for premedical, prelaw, or prebusiness students? Is there a separate business school or an undergraduate business school?
- What type of dormitory facilities are available? What percentage of students live on campus?
- How active is life on campus on weekends? Is there a Greek system (fraternities and sororities), and if so, how many students belong?

In short, ask about any part of college life and undergraduate study that you want to know more about. Be sure to listen carefully to answers, make notes if needed, and thank the representative for his/her time and help. You may be meeting the person who will ultimately decide to admit you to that school.