KEY QUESTIONS TO ASK AT A COLLEGE FAIR

Here are some questions you can ask a college/university admission representative:

ACADEMIC PROCESS

- Do I need to complete my associate degree before transferring?
- Must I have all general education and major requirements completed before applying?
- As an international student, do I need to take the TOEFL? If so, what is the required score?
- Can I transfer AP/IB credits?
- What are the admission deadlines, and do you offer early decision, early action, or rolling admission?
- How many applications did you receive last year, and what percentage were admitted?
- What academic preparation do you expect for admission? What qualities and experiences are you looking for in a student?
- What is the average GPA for admitted transfer students in my major?
- What qualities do you look for in a strong applicant?
- Are there specific admission requirements or criteria I should be aware of?
- How does your school evaluate extracurricular activities?
- What is the timeline for admissions decisions?

ACADEMICS

- How easy is it to double major or major in one field while minoring in another?
- Is there informal student-faculty contact outside of class?
- Do students have a personal advisor, or is advising managed by an advisement center? Can students choose or change their advisor?
- What tutoring and academic support services are available?
- Can you explain the process for changing majors?

SETTINGS

- What makes your institution unique compared to others?
- What academic calendar do you follow: semesters, trimesters, or another format?

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- What is the total cost of attendance (including tuition, books, fees, room, board, etc.)?
- What percentage of students receive merit-based scholarships? What is the largest scholarship amount and the average awarded?
- What percentage of students receive need-based financial aid and grants?
- What types of financial aid and scholarships are available?
- How does the scholarship application process work?
- Are there specific scholarships for my intended major?
- What percentage of students receive financial aid

CAREER SERVICES

- What career services does the school offer?
- How does the school support internships and job placements?
- What is the alumni network like, and how does it help current students?

HOUSING

- Is housing guaranteed for transfer students?
- What types of housing are available (suites, apartments, etc.)?

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- How ethnically diverse is the campus? What percentage of the student body is international students?
- What study abroad opportunities are available? What percentage of students study abroad?
- Can financial aid and scholarships be used for study abroad?

SERVICE AND INTERNSHIPS

- What campus work opportunities are available?
- What volunteer and community service opportunities are offered?
- What percentage of students complete internships, and how does the college assist in finding them?
- How does your school facilitate undergraduate research opportunities?

SAFETY

- What campus security measures are in place? Is there an escort service for late-night classes?
- Can you provide crime statistics for the campus? What are the most common incidents?

CAMPUS LIFE

- What activities are most popular among students?
- What transportation options are available (on campus and to nearby cities or airports)?
- Are there religious services or centers available on campus for different denominations?
- What types of clubs and organizations are available for students?
- What is the campus culture like?
- Are there opportunities for students to get involved in clubs or organizations?
- What resources are available for student wellness and mental health?
- Can you describe the housing options for first-year students?

RESOURCES

- What resources are available for academic support (tutoring, advising, etc.)?
- What support services do you offer for AB540 students, veterans, and students with disabilities?

VISITS AND EXPERIENCES

- Are there opportunities for campus visits or virtual tours?
- Do you offer any programs for prospective students to experience life at your university?

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