



Popular Questions Asked by Prospective Students and Parents

Admissions & Application

- Is there an application deadline?
- Is an application fee required. If so, how much?
- Are interviews, essays and/or references required for admission?
- How long does it take to process an application. When will the acceptance letter be mailed?
- Is admission open for freshmen and transfers at any semester/quarter?
- Is there a waitlist for admission?
- Will your college accept the General Education Diploma (GED)?
- Will your college honor a home study program or diploma from an unaccredited high school?
- Does the college offer an Early Admissions Program (EAP)?
- What credentials must be submitted to properly file an application?
- Must a prescribed curriculum be completed in high school?
- What is the minimum GPA required?
- Are high school honors courses weighed in favor of the GPA?
- What are the transfer admission requirements?
- How does this college compare in size to others in the state?
- Does the college have a graduate school?
- What percentage of graduates gain admission to graduate school?
- Is there a visitation day for prospective students?
- What are your academic requirements? Foreign Language?

Admission Assessments & CLEP/AP

- Does the college require a minimum ACT/SAT score for admission?
- How will the college evaluate or use two or more sets of ACT/SAT scores?
- Will the college honor AP and CLEP and if so what are the minimum scores to receive credit?

History, Demographics & Philosophy

- What year was the college founded and give a brief history?
- Who are some well-known graduates/alumni?
- What is the ratio of enrolled males-females?
- From what geographical area does the college get most of its students?
- What is the minority enrollment? International enrollment?
- What major agencies accredit the college?
- What makes your school different or special?
- What is the mission, purpose, or philosophy of this institution?

Campus & Community

- How large is the campus in acreage?
- How many buildings are located on campus?
- What is the size of the community?
- What attractions are in reasonable distance to the college (parks, lakes, recreation, mountains, etc.)?
- What banks/ATM's are near campus?
- How far is the campus from the nearest airport? Train/bus station? Subway?
- Does the college provide transportation locally? To airports/trains/shopping areas?



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Academic Questions

- What types of majors/degrees does your college offer?
- What are the college's strongest academic areas?
- What is the average enrollment?
- Does the college offer remedial or developmental studies?
- Can I cross-register at any other nearby colleges/universities?
- Are internships, cooperative study opportunities or study abroad available?
- How many courses are considered a full load?
- When must an academic major be declared?
- What type of academic advising is provided?
- Does the college offer a tutorial service?
- Will D's transfer from other colleges?
- What is the student-faculty ratio?
- How many full time faculty are employed and how many hold a doctorate or terminal degree?
- Does the college offer pre-registration, telephone registration or on-line registration?
- How long does it take to graduate?
- What are the smallest class sizes? The largest?
- Do graduate students teach undergraduates?
- Do faculty maintain office hours?
- What career services do you offer? (resume writing, counseling, on-campus recruiting, job listings, alumni networking/mentoring, graduate school information and advising?)
- What percentage of graduates go directly into the work force? To graduate school?

Financial Aid, Scholarship & Employment Questions

- What are the financial aid procedures and deadlines?
- When are financial aid packages awarded?
- What percentage of students receive financial aid?
- What scholarship opportunities are available to me?
- Do I qualify for academic scholarships?
- What are your tuition & fees rates? How do your costs compare to other institutions?
- How much are books?
- Do you offer work-study jobs? Is there off-campus employment available? Where are jobs posted?

Athletic & Activity Questions

- What activities and organizations do you have on your campus?
- In what athletic associations, divisions and conferences does the college participate?
- What athletic scholarships are available?
- If I am a student athlete, what is the deadline for submitting the following: record of physical examination, proof of insurance, student health form, etc..?
- Does the college offer an intramural program and if so, which sports are the most popular?
- What general athletic facilities exist for overall student use (pools, courts, weight room, etc.)?
- Are there scholarships available for participation in activities? If so, what activities?



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Policies/Procedures and Other Services

- Will the college bill me for tuition and fees and when are they due?
- Will the college take a credit card?
- What is the refund policy?
- Does the college offer a freshman orientation program?
- Will the college accommodate special service needs such as diets, medications, counseling, etc.?
- Does the college have campus police or a security force?
- Is ROTC available?
- In what ways has the campus been adapted for the handicapped?
- Is there a job placement service or career day?
- Is there a student health facility on campus?
- Can students have cars on campus? Can Freshmen? Are there parking fees?
- Do national fraternities and sororities exist? If so, do they have separate housing?
- How long are the Fall, Winter and Spring Breaks?

Housing Questions

- Does the college provide overnight housing for prospective student visits?
- Are freshmen required to live on campus?
- Does the college offer an option between dormitories and apartment living?
- How many students share a room?
- Is there an option for private or single-occupancy rooms on your campus?
- Do the rooms have private or hall baths?
- Are the students subject to curfew and how are the dorms secured in the evenings?
- What are current expenses for room, board and fees?
- Do co-ed residence halls exist?
- Are students allowed to keep alcoholic beverages, firearms, or pets in their rooms?
- What services are provided in the dorms ie. laundry, kitchen, air conditioning?
- What appliances are permitted in dorm rooms (i.e. hot plates, phone, TV's, microwaves etc)?
- Is there a room deposit required to reserve space?
- Do the dorms have laundry facilities?
- Are students required to purchase a meal plan? If so, what are the pricing options?
- What percentage of students are housed on-campus? Is housing guaranteed for all 4 years?
- What kinds of off-campus housing are available nearby?
- How are students assigned to a room and or roommate?
- Are there co-ed dorms? How are they arranged?