

RESEARCHING NON-ACADEMIC FACTORS

College:

How important is the ACT/SAT test in the admission process?

Answer:

What is the college's admissions deadline?

Answer:

What is the average enrollment of the freshman class?

Answer:

What percentage of the freshmen class will graduate?

Answer:

What is your overall impression of where I stand regarding my potential for being admitted?

Answer: Reach, Match or Safety

What is the total cost of college or financial aid budgeted cost?

Answer:

How does the college financially reward a good student (is there merit \$ available)?

Answer:

What percentage of my financial NEED will be met by the college?

Answer:

What percentage of this NEED met will be in the form of Gift Aid (free money)?

Self-help Aid (loans and work-study)?

Answer:

What other non-need or merit grants and scholarships are available if I do not receive an athletic scholarship?

Answer:

If I receive an outside scholarship, will it replace the money that the college will give me?

Answer:

9. What is my potential to get a work study position at your school?

Answer:

What job placement services are provided by the placement office?

Answer:

How long do job placement services remain in effect after graduation?

Answer:

What percentage of graduates are employed prior to graduation?

Answer:

What are the most popular majors of graduates receiving employment?

Answer:

What is the likelihood of graduating from this program in four years?

Answer:

What department facilities and special technology are available?

Answer:

How does the faculty advising system work?

Answer:

How accessible are the professors in this department for students?

Answer:

What is the average size of the classes or lectures?

Answer:

What would you say are the strongest attributes of your program versus schools you feel are similar to yours?

What are three things students like most about the university?





2. What are three things you most dislike about the university?



What is campus life in general like?

Answer:

Are fraternities and sororities critical to social life?

Answer:

BONUS QUESTIONS

Academics

- How much time do students typically spend on homework?
- How much writing and reading are expected?
- What is the average class size of introductory classes?
- How widely used are teaching assistants on your campus?
- What is the average class size of upper-division courses?

Financial Aid

- What is your average financial aid package?
- What is the typical breakdown of loans versus grants?
- What percentage of financial need does the school typically meet?
- What is the average merit award?
- What percentage of students receive college grants?
- What is the average college debt that students leave with?
- What work-study opportunities are there?

Graduation Track Record

- What is your four-year graduation rate?
- What is your five-year graduation rate?
- What does it take to graduate in four years?
- What percentage of freshmen return for sophomore year?

Academic Support

- What type of tutoring program do you have?
- How do you provide academic advice to students?
- Do you have a writing center and how do I access it?
- What kind of learning disability resources do you have?

Outside Opportunities

- How many students at the college get internships?

—What percentage of students study abroad?

—What type of career services do you have?

Student Life

—What kind of dorm choices are there?

—What percentage of student live on campus?

—How long are dorm accommodations guaranteed?

—How many students live on campus?

—Do most students go home on the weekend?

—What percentage of the study body belongs to a sorority or fraternity?

—What activities are offered to students?

—What clubs do you have on campus?