



# TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE VISITS

A visit to a college campus will provide you with the opportunity to discover if the culture and location is going to match what you're looking for in a campus community. Bentley admission counselors offer the following tips to make the most of your college tour.

**PLAN EARLY.** Starting in your junior year of high school, start visiting colleges. Try to visit while classes are in session to get a realistic view of campus life.

**CHECK THINGS OUT.** See what schools have to offer, and sign up for one, or all, opportunities:

- Campus Tour
- Admission Interview
- Information Session
- Special Events and Programs
- Overnight Stays
- Shadow a Class

**VISIT DIFFERENT COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTS.** Narrow down your choices to where you feel most comfortable (big versus small, urban versus suburban, for example).

**SPEAK OUT.** Ask questions — including the admission staff and tour guides.

**MEET YOUR TEACHERS.** Explore academic departments and make an appointment to speak with a professor.

**GRAB SOME GRUB.** Have lunch in the dining hall.

**SEE THE NEIGHBORHOOD.** Take a walk off campus to learn more about the surrounding area.

**TAKE NOTES.** Take lots of notes and photos — keep a record of each visit so you can review later.

**FOLLOW UP.** Demonstrate your interest by following up with people you met.

**USE YOUR OPTIONS.** If you can't make the trip to campus, take a virtual tour. It's a good alternative to the real thing.

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