

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. Begin visiting colleges at the start of your junior year in high school.

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

- Campus Tour
- Information Session
- Overnight Stays
- Admission Interview
- Special Events and Programs
- 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. Don't be shy about asking questions of the admissions staff and tour guides.

MEET YOUR TEACHERS. Explore academic departments and if possible, try to 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, and 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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