



Some Questions to Ask When Visiting a College or Talking to a Rep

These are questions about the process of learning. Select the ones that are most important to you!

ACTIVE LEARNING – Intense Involvement with Learning

- How often do students discuss ideas in class?
- How often are topics from class discussed outside the classroom?
- Do students work together on projects – inside and outside of class?
- How often do students make class presentations?
- How many students participate in community based projects in regular courses?
- How many students apply their classroom learning to real life through internships or off-campus field experiences?
- Do students have opportunities to tutor or teach other students?

STUDENT FACULTY INTERACTION – Meaningful Contact with Teachers

- Are faculty members accessible and supportive?
- How many students work on research projects with faculty?
- Do students receive prompt feedback on academic performance?
- How often do students talk with their teachers about what they are learning in class?
- How often do students talk with advisers or faculty members about their career plans?
- Do students and faculty members work together on committees and projects outside of class?

ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES – Additional Opportunities to Deepen Learning

- What types of honors courses, learning communities and other distinctive programs are offered?
- In what ways do faculty members use technology in their classes?
- How often do students interact with peers with different social, political or religious views?
- How often do students interact with peers from different racial or ethnic backgrounds?
- How many students truly study in (not just visit) other countries?
- Do students participate in activities that enhance their spirituality?
- What percentage of students performs community service?
- What kinds of activities are students involved in outside of the classroom?
- What kinds of events does the campus sponsor?
- Is a culminating senior year experience required?
- What types of career-planning and job-placement services are available?

These questions were selected from a list produced by the Center for Postsecondary Research at Indiana University, based on the National Survey of Student Engagement.