## Questions to Ask in Your College Search

| Specific Major | - What majors does the school offer?  
- Does it offer the major you want?  
- How easy is it to change majors?  
- Does the school offer career exploration classes?  
- What percentage of students graduates in their major?  
- What percentage of graduates in my major are employed in their field  
Also consider looking at the following:  
- Look carefully at the facilities and courses offered in the major  
- Ask to meet with a faculty member in your major. If they meet with you, this may be a good sign that faculty have time for you as a student. |
| Affordability | - What are the costs? Tuition and room/board?  
- Will the school do a financial aid pre-estimate for me?  
- How much will the school cost after you subtract grants and scholarships?  
- Are their loans available?  
- Will someone in the financial aid office assist you with forms? |
| Class Access | - How many credits do transfer students normally take?  
- Are there online or distance learning courses I can take?  
- Are there options to show what I really know through writing, discussion, projects or performance rather than multiple choice tests  
- Are there evening classes?  
- Ask students about the availability of advisors, peer mentor programs, faculty office hours, faculty accessibility.  
- Can classes be completed through a study abroad program?  
Remember to speak to someone from the Study Abroad Office if you are interested in this opportunity. |
| Looking for a particular extra-curricular activity you want to participate in? | - Does the school have this activity?  
- How many students currently participate?  
- Could someone with your major participate?  
- If this activity isn’t available, how easy would it be to create a group?  
- Are there events/programs for commuter students? |
| Personal Safety | - How is the school rated nationally and regionally for safety?  
- Ask students on campus how they feel about their safety (at night, weekends, etc.) |
### Size of the community – small town, large city, rural, etc.
- If cultural activities are important to you, are there any you can participate in?
- Is there public transportation available to these events?
- How accessible is public transportation? Is there a discounted price for students?

### Sports
- Are there any sport teams you can join?
- What division are the sport teams?
- Is it easy to get tickets to games?
- How much do tickets cost for students?

### Distance from home
- Can I bring a car to campus?
- Where can I park?
- Cost of parking?
- Are there other types of transportation (trolley, bus, vans, taxi, etc.) available for students?
- Is this a commuter school or do students usually stay on campus on weekends?
- Are there events/programs for commuter students?

### Residence Halls
- Ask to visit a residence hall (preferably when school is in session)
- Ask if you can stay overnight with a host student in the residence hall of a school you are seriously considering.
- How are residence halls monitored?
- Safety – are doors locked at night, is there a key or key-less entry system during evening and early morning hours?
- Is there wireless access in the door rooms?
- Are there residence halls specifically for transfer students?
- Can the school assist you with finding off-campus housing?

### Dining Options
- Find out what dining options you have – can you cook your own food?
- Can you opt out of the dining plan, if so, what other meal options do you have?
- What is the dining plan like? What are the dining halls like?
- Ask if you can have a meal at the dining hall during your visit/tour.

### What students say about their school
Ask several students:
- Why did you pick this school and are you happy with your decision?
- What do I need to know about this school that isn’t in the brochure?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of this school? Of the major you chose?

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For additional assistance please visit the Career and Counseling Center at the Marple Campus, room 1325 or Learner Services at all other campuses.