

Questions for student athletes to ask during the college visit

Before you make your first visit to a college campus, you should think carefully about the kind of information you will need during the college admission process. Once you have decided what information you need, you'll be able to ask the right kinds of questions. The following are some good ones to get you started.

Ask the recruiter:

1. What position (event) do you want me to play (perform), and how many students are you recruiting for the same position?
2. What is your philosophy of offense? Defense? Are you considering any changes?
3. Will I be redshirted (that is, held out of competition for a season in order to remain eligible for a fifth year)?
4. If I need a fifth year, will the college finance it?
5. What happens to my scholarship if I'm injured or become ineligible?
6. Who do I see if I have academic problems?
7. Has drug use been an issue at your school or in the athletic program?
8. Are all injuries handled by a team insurance policy?
9. If injured, may I use my family doctor? Who determines my fitness to compete after an injury?
10. What is expected of players during the off-season?

Ask the players at the school:

1. What does your typical daily schedule look like? In-season? Off-season?
2. Approximately how many hours a night do you study?
3. What are the attitudes of professors in different fields of study? In my field of study? Toward athletes?
4. How do you like the living arrangements?
5. Do you have an academic adviser? Is he or she helpful?
6. Are the coaches available to help if you have academic problems?
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Ask nonathletes at the school:

1. What do you think of the quality of the education you are receiving at this school?
2. If you had to do it again, would you choose to attend this school? Why or why not?
3. What is the general opinion of athletes on this campus?

Ask school officials or admissions officers:

1. Are my scores and high school records adequate to project success at this college?
2. What is the graduation rate for athletes?
3. About how long does it take someone in my sport to earn a degree from this school?
4. What is the eligibility for additional financial aid?

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