

# Summer College Visit Checklist

## Before You Get In the Car

- Research the tour times and departmental summer schedule
- Make appointments to talk to an admissions counselor and financial aid counselor
- Make an appointment with a professor or instructor in your major or interested subjects
- Can you stay overnight in a dorm? If not, [book a hotel](#)
- Use mapping apps (like [Waze](#)) to figure out the traffic and best times to leave
- [Check the weather forecast](#) and pack accordingly. Refillable water bottles, sunscreen, good walking shoes are musts
- Do some IG hashtag research. See what students are doing on their own and what the university's social media is like
- Make a great playlist (and ask for your passenger's input too)

## Once You're On-Campus

- Get there early for your campus tour to poke around
- Take lots of pictures on your campus tour
- Talk to your tour guide. [Need help with some questions?](#)
- Meet with admissions counselors and the financial aid office
- Then, take a walk around the campus by yourself
- Find the student newspaper and other student publications – department newsletters, reviews, etc.

## Once You're Off-Campus

- Walk (or drive) around the college town
- Figure out how students get around off campus -- are there buses? Is it easily walkable?
- What's the closest grocery store or mall? Movie theater? Concert venue?
- What's the most popular off campus restaurant. On campus dining is fun for a while, but you will grow bored of it

## Room and Board

- Spend a night in a dorm
- Eat some meals in the on-campus dining hall(s)
- Check out alternative living arrangements: Theme-specific housing, Greek life, or off-campus housing opportunities

## Talk the Talk

- Get over your fear of talking to strangers! Ask students why they chose the school or what they would change about it
- Ask them what they do on weekends and breaks
- What are their favorite things to do?

## Investigate Your Major

- Meet with professors or instructors in your major or interested subjects
- Attend a class
- Investigate the career planning office