

# QUESTIONS TO ASK COACHES, ADMISSIONS, ATHLETES AND NON-ATHLETES

## COACHES

- What is the season/off-season practice schedule?
- What would a typical schedule look like?
- Is there a separate conditioning schedule?
- Are there unofficial/captain practices?
- Do freshman play?
- What percentage of freshman remain on the team all four years?
- What is the travel schedule like?
- Are there separate dorms/dining/work out facilities for the athletes? Are athletes required to use them?
- What position do you see me playing?
- How many people are you recruiting from my position?
- Where do you rank me on your list of possible recruits for position \_\_\_\_\_?
- How many/types of scholarships are available for my class?
- Are scholarships for 1 year or 4 years?
- How are scholarships renewed?
- What are your redshirt policies? Will scholarship cover a fifth year?
- Do you have official tryouts for the team?
- What is your walk-on policy?
- Can I compete in other sports?
- Is there a junior varsity team?
- Are there any summer obligations?
- What is the coaches recruiting timeline?
- How would you describe your coaching style?
- When does the coaches contract end?
- What kind of players succeed here?
- What medical expenses does the college cover?
- What equipment are players required to provide?
- What expenses will players have to cover?
- What is the team GPA?
- What percentage of players graduate?
- Are there team/athletic study halls/tutoring?
- How are conflicts between academics and athletics handled?
- Will I be able to do study abroad?
- What are some of the common majors of players?
- Are any players majoring in \_\_\_\_\_

- Will I be able to major in \_\_\_\_\_?
- How accommodating are faculty with players missing practices?
- Do players attend summer school to reduce the in-season course load?
- For example: are catchers allowed to call their own pitches?
- What do look for in players at \_\_\_\_\_ position?
- What happens next?
- Do you need anything else from me?
- What is a typical day for your athletes?
- What is the practice/training schedule?
- Where do you see the future of this program?
- What positions are you looking to fill?
- How big is this year's recruiting class?

## ADMISSIONS

- How easy is it to double major?
- What percentage of students graduates in 4 years? What percentage of double majors graduates in 4 years?
- Do students apply to the school, or to a particular major?
- When do students need to declare a major?
- Do you require an audition as part of the admissions process if you want to be a theater or music major?
- Can supporting documents be sent to the admissions office if an applicant wishes to highlight a particular artistic talent such as theater, music, dance or another art form? Are these documents used in the application review?
- Do all majors have the chance to have internships and are they are common part of the educational experience?
- Is there support to help students find an internship?
- When do students typically start using the career center?
- Can you tell me about the services the career center offers?
- Do students study abroad? Does your college or university have a study abroad program?
- Can students study abroad on another school's program?
- How easy is it to fit a study abroad program in and still graduate in 4 years?
- How accessible are professors? What are some examples of professor/student interactions outside of the classroom?
- How large are the largest classes? How small are the smallest classes? What is the average class size?
- What are some examples of clubs and activities available to students?
- Do students attend sporting events, theater events, and social events on campus?
- Are there academic support services on campus such as tutoring and writing centers?
- Are internships available? How do you find them?
- Is Career Services helpful?
- Do you have a mentor?
- Does your school have a co-op program?
- Are there opportunities to build leadership skills on campus?
- What options exist for service learning in the community?

- Do employers recruit students on campus?
- How easy is it to find summer jobs and other kinds of work through your school?
- Who are some of the notable graduates from your college?
- How visible is your school's alumni association on campus?
- What kinds of hands-on or practical experiences have you had in and outside of the classroom?

## ATHLETES

- How do you like the coaching staff?
- How do you manage training and academics?
- What is a typical day? Compare this to the coach's answer.
- Do you have any advice for me?
- If you could do it again would you choose this university?
- What's a typical day like?
- How do you like the coaching staff—how would you describe their style?
- Is it tough to keep up with your schoolwork?
- Is help (for schoolwork) accessible?
- How many hours per day do you need to work/study?
- How do the faculty and students treat athletes?
- How much of a fan base does the team have?
- How hard is the travel schedule?
- How much time do you devote to the team during season/off season?
- What do you like best/least about the sports program?
- How are the living arrangements?
- Do the team players hang out together or do they go their own ways?
- What is there to do socially and how much time do you have for socializing?
- If you had to do it over again, would you still choose this school? Why/why not?

## NON-ATHLETES

- Why did you choose this school?
- Are you happy here?
- What are your school's strengths?
- What's your #1 complaint about your school?
- What else could stand to be improved?
- How accessible are administrators, registrars, financial aid officers, etc.?
- What majors are popular?
- What departments or programs have the best reputations?
- What's your favorite class?

- Are your professors good teachers?
- Do your professors hold office hours, and will they meet with you outside of class?
- Are most of your classes taught by professors or teaching assistants?
- Were you able to take most of your first-choice classes?
- Are your classes lecture-based or discussion-based?
- How much reading and writing is required in your courses?
- How often are collaborative work or group presentations required?
- How satisfied are you with academic advising?
- Do students use any on-campus tutoring programs or writing centers?
- How big are your classes?
- Does your major require an independent study or capstone project ?
- Are professors available for research with students?
- Is it popular to study abroad?
- What's it like to be a first-year student here?
- What's a typical day like?
- How much time do students spend studying per week?
- What do you do when you're not in class?
- What do you do on the weekends?
- What is the social scene like?
- What kinds of things are there to do in your school's hometown?
- How's the food?
- Do most students live on-campus?
- How are the dorms?
- Which clubs and student organizations are popular?
- Do lots of students belong to fraternities or sororities?
- What's your favorite place on campus?
- Where do you like to study?
- What are the facilities like (science labs, libraries, theatres, gyms, etc.)?
- Are there enough computer labs?
- How is the WiFi on campus?
- Is it easy to get around campus?
- Are sports popular?
- Is there a lot of school spirit?
- How would you describe your fellow students?
- Are the students here friendly?
- What makes the student body unique?
- Is there diversity on campus?
- Are there many students from other countries?
- Do students of different races and classes interact easily?
- Are students cliquish?