INNOVATIVE COLLEGE PREP

WORKSHEET

College Visit and Research Worksheet

Compare institutions, ask useful questions and record your impressions

For: Students, families and counselors

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Make every visit count

Whether you are on campus, at a virtual session or reading a website, use this worksheet to collect comparable information. Print one copy for each college. A visit does not have to be expensive. Online sessions and nearby campuses are valuable too, and some colleges offer free or funded visit programs: ask your counselor.

College profile

College	Location	Public / private	Undergraduate size

Date and type of visit	Who came with me	Website

Before you go

☐	Register for the tour or information session, and note directions, parking and accessibility needs.
☐	Review the programs I am curious about and write two questions.
☐	Check the net price calculator and bring my estimates.
☐	Plan to talk with at least one student, professor or staff member if possible.

Questions to ask

- **Academics:** How large are classes in my area of interest? How do students get help? How easy is it to change majors?
- **Outcomes:** What share of first-year students return for a second year? What share graduate within four and six years? What do graduates do after college?
- **Support:** How does advising work? What tutoring, writing, disability, mental health and career services are available?
- **Community:** What do students do on weekends? How do first-year students meet people?
- **Cost:** How do net prices change over four years? How do scholarships renew?
- **Housing and safety:** Is housing guaranteed? How do students get around?

My impressions

Area	Rating (1–5)	Notes
Academics and programs I want		
Campus feel and setting		
Students and community		
Support services		
Affordability (net price)		
Housing, food and surroundings		

Three things I liked

Concerns or questions to follow up on

After the visit

- ☐ Write down impressions the same day, before they fade.
- ☐ Send thank-you or follow-up notes to anyone who helped.
- ☐ Sign up for the college's mailing list if wanted.
- ☐ Add or remove the college from my list and note why.

Compare colleges side by side

	College A	College B	College C
College name			
Programs I want			
Net price estimate			
Size and setting			
Support services			
Other: _____			
Overall fit (1–5)			

Official sources: College Navigator (NCES) · College Scorecard · ICP College search

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