

How many recommendations do you require? Would you prefer them from anyone in particular?

Academic

Are there some unique or exceptional courses or professors within my major at the college? Compare programs between colleges; course-by-course, using their websites or college catalogs.

What percentage of students are enrolled in my major field as compared with other majors? What percentage of students in my major graduate in 4 years vs. 5 or more?

What are the future employment possibilities for graduates in my major? (Visit the Dept of Labor website for some of this information within NYS.) What percent get jobs in the same area as their college study? What percent were accepted to graduate school of those who applied (within my major)?

What is the typical class size? Which classes would be held in a large lecture hall?

What percentage of classes do Teaching Assistants rather than actual faculty teach?

What percent of freshman return for their sophomore year?

Campus/Social

What percentage of students leave campus on weekends? Is bus, train or air transportation easily available for travel?

What special attractions are available in the city/town in which the college/university is located?

What is the general atmosphere of the campus? Peaceful? Isolated? Preppy? Politically active? Urban? Rural? Suburban? What social events occur on campus? What organized sports?

Are freshman allowed to have a car? Are freshman required to live on campus? Is campus housing guaranteed for all 4 years if desired?

Is this campus known as a safe, crime free environment? What about the surrounding area/town?

How does the Career Placement Office serve students?

What ATM/banks are located on campus or nearby?

Financial

Which forms do you use or require for financial aid (FAFSA, CSS/Financial Aid Profile)?
What are the deadlines to file these forms? Does your college consider financial aid needs when making admissions decisions?

What scholarships might I be eligible for and how would I apply for them? Is there a separate application or is my application for admission to your school used?