



POST-SECONDARY BC

QUESTIONS TO ASK ON A CAMPUS TOUR

One of the most valuable things you can do when exploring your post-secondary interests and options is to go and visit the campuses of institutions you are considering. It's something that students and parents in Canada don't do nearly enough. Make a campus visit part of your family spring break or summer holiday travel plans – and when you do, here are some questions to ask.

- What sets your campus apart? What makes it special? How diverse is the campus?
- How many undergraduate students are on this campus in the Fall Semester?
- What is the average class size of first year university classes?
- What is the typical class sizes of my [Certificate or Diploma] program or my degree major?

- When do you have to declare a major? Is it possible to double major?
- How much time is spent on homework? How much writing and reading are required?
- How much connection would I have with my professors? Would it only be in class?

- What kind of support do Academic Advisors provide? Is Advising it mandatory?
- Where can you go on Study Abroad? Can students in my program/ major study abroad?
- What opportunities are there for undergraduate research in my program/major?
- Do you have a Writing Center? What tutoring services are available? [e.g. Study Skills]
- Do you have an orientation program? Is it mandatory?

- What kind of learning disability services do you offer?
- Is there a co-op program? Does my program/major have co-op?

- What mental health services are available?
- How prevalent are drugs and alcohol on campus?

- Can I bring a car if I live in residence? What does it cost to park if I am commuting?
- Is Work-Study available? How would I qualify for them? Are there athletic scholarships?

Questions for a Current Student: If your campus tour guide is a current student, here are a few more questions to ask them during your campus visit. You can also ask them by phone or email.

- Why did you decide to attend here?
- If you had to power to change anything about the place, what would it be?
- What do you like best about it? What do you like least?
- What kinds of students succeed here? What kind of students might not?