

Campus Scavenger Hunt

Educators: Before the campus visit, create a Google doc for students to upload campus visit pictures and captions, or students can create a collage with the different photos. Bonus: Students will have something to discuss with their families when they get home. You can also post these photos on your school social media accounts with #GEARUPworks.

Students: When visiting each of these places during the scavenger hunt, take pictures either in front of the building or the person you talk to. Remember, we want you to learn campus, so ask for hints if you need them. Enjoy!

Get ready!

You've now got your official Campus Visit Scavenger Hunt map. Okay, we know your college campuses won't look exactly like this, but the buildings and landmarks listed can be found at practically every college—and they're all places you should try to see during your visits.

Take the map along on your campus visit and check off all the stuff you find.

Important stops

- Student union: The hub of campus life. Could also be called a hall, center, or commons.
- Library: Students may be busy here, so be sure to respect the quiet.
- Dining hall: Depending on the size of the school, there could be one dining hall or several. Try to have at least one meal on your visit!
- Dorms: They're sometimes scattered all over campus, so focus on where you'll be living as a first-year student if you're in a time crunch.
- Academic buildings: May also be all over campus, so center your attention on your future major department's headquarters if you have a program of interest.
- Athletic facilities: If there's a game going on while you're visiting, go!
- Recreation and fitness center: See if there are some classes, rec clubs, or exercise equipment you enjoy, since most gym memberships are included in your tuition and fees.
- Administrative offices: You don't have to visit all these buildings, but you should try to meet with an admission counselor, so they'll have a face to associate with your application.
- Health facilities: Hopefully you won't be spending a lot of time here, but it's important to know where they are just in case.
- Career center: Not just for seniors! You should make this office one of your first stops when you start classes.
- Auditorium or performance center: Check out all those flyers at the student union to see if there's a concert, lecture, or student production going on while you're visiting.
- Campus mall or quad: There will be plenty of students hanging out here if you visit during the school year, so don't be shy—introduce yourself and ask them a few questions!
- Bonus finds: See the map for details. You won't find these on every campus, but we'll give you extra points if you do.

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Look! We found one for you! How many can you find?

- Administrative buildings**
- Admission office
 - Registrar's office
 - Bursar's office
 - Are there any institutional scholarships available?
 - Can you set up an interview with an admission counselor?
 - How easy is it to request a copy of your transcript?

- Student Union**
- Student-run organizations/offices
 - Lounges
 - Restaurants or other dining options
 - What kind of cultural, religious, and professional groups have offices here?
 - What's the social vibe like on campus?
 - How involved are students in extracurricular activities?

- Academic buildings**
- Lecture halls
 - Academic department headquarters
 - Writing or tutoring center
 - Laboratories or research facilities
 - How accessible are the professors?
 - Do teaching assistants ever teach classes?
 - What student-faculty research opportunities exist for undergrads?

- Library**
- Computer lab
 - Printers and copiers
 - Group and individual study spaces
 - Comfy chairs and couches
 - What's the academic vibe like on campus?
 - What are midterms and finals like?
 - Does the school have an inter-library loan program?

- Student Housing**
- Co-ed dorms
 - Single-sex dorms
 - Graduate housing
 - Freshman-only dorms
 - Upperclassman dorms
 - On-campus apartments
 - How many dorms are there, and how do they differ?
 - How many students live on campus?
 - What does the school offer to keep students safe (emergency phones, shuttle services, etc.)?

- Dining hall**
- Vegetarian/vegan options
 - International dishes
 - Locally sourced ingredients
 - How's the food? (Try it out!)
 - Do they cater to food allergies or other special dietary needs?
 - Are meal plans required?

- Health facilities**
- What kinds of physical and mental health services are offered?
 - How do students typically pay for wellness center services and treatment?
 - Are any stress-relief initiatives offered during midterms and finals?

- Campus mall or quad**
- How easy is it to get around campus?
 - How friendly and welcoming are students and staff?
 - Can you picture yourself here: studying in a quiet area, grabbing a Frisbee or hanging out with friends?

- Athletic facilities**
- Arena and/or football stadium
 - Running track
 - Soccer, baseball, and softball fields
 - Are campus sporting events free for students?
 - How engaged are student fans during games?
 - Do non-varsity players have access to all athletic facilities?

- Recreation and fitness center**
- Cardio equipment
 - Weight room
 - Volleyball, racquetball, and tennis courts
 - Pool
 - How popular is the gym, and how late is it open?
 - Are there any unique fitness offerings like a skate park, sauna, classes, etc.?
 - Are club and intramural sports offered?

- Auditorium or performance center**
- What kinds of movies, plays, concerts, and lectures are happening around campus?
 - Is entertainment free or discounted for students?
 - Can you participate in productions even if you aren't an arts student?

- Chapel or spiritual life center**
- When are services offered on campus? Is attendance required?
 - Are there opportunities for community service or mission trips?
 - What other faith-based activities are there?

- Bonus finds!**
- Hiking and biking trails
 - Statue of founder
 - Campus newspaper
 - Art gallery
 - School mascot
 - Marching band

- Count 'em up!**
- How many did you find? Tally up your checkboxes and share with us! @CollegeXpress on Twitter, Facebook, Google+, and Instagram.
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