CHOOSING A FOUR YEAR SCHOOL

The following information should make your visit to a college or with a college representative more productive.

1. Admissions Requirements:
   a. Transcripts including class rank and G.P.A from school and/or college.
   b. Test score minimums and type of test required i.e., ACT, SAT.
   c. Specific subject preparation in high school.
   d. Application deadlines.
   e. How many credits needed to be considered a transfer student?
   f. How many credit hours can you transfer from a community college?
   g. Can a “D” be transferred- in major area, out of major area?
   h. Grade point average requirements.

2. Course of Study:
   a. Does the college have a major in your area of interest or a general studies major if you prefer?
   b. Under what department is the major? Emphasis will vary.
   c. How many courses are offered in your department of interest? Are they available every year, every semester? Some schools alternate.
   d. What are the school's general education requirements, graduation requirements for your major? How difficult would it be to change majors? When must you declare your major?

3. Composition of Student Body:
   a. Average ACT or SAT test scores of last entering class.
   b. Are student's cars permitted?
   c. Availability of clubs and sports.

4. Special Studies;
   a. Study Aboard.
   b. Study skills improvement tutoring?
   c. Policy on CLEP, advanced placement, proficiency tests?
   d. R.O.T.C.
   e. Co-op or internships. At CLC, Co-op is EWE (Educational Work Experience)

5. General:
   a. Calendar plan (semester, quarter, 4-1-4).
   b. Job placement, personal, academic and career counseling?
   c. Residence hall hours, open visitation?
   d. Transportation facilities to and from campus (railroads, buses, airlines) cost?
   e. Orientation program or transfer day?

6. Tuition and Fees:
   a. Tuition and fees vary enormously from several hundreds of dollars per semester to $10,000 per semester.
   b. Community colleges are least expensive; state-supported universities are next, and private schools are the most expensive.

7. Financial Aid:
   a. Procedure of obtaining financial aid - is a special application required?
   b. Are there “no need” scholarships? How are they awarded?
   c. Availability of part-time jobs or work study programs.

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