

Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute

Guidance and Student Services
8th Annual Post-Secondary
Information Fair



40 Questions to Ask College/University Reps

Here are some questions you might want to ask about the school you're considering:

Admission Requirements:

1. What courses are required for admission to the program I'm interested in?
2. Do you accept courses that have been taken through night school, summer school, private school and correspondence? Do you accept repeated credits?
3. Are there any additional or special requirements for admission to the program I'm interested in ie: portfolio or supplemental application?
4. What is the minimum average required for admission to the program I'm interested in? How will my average be calculated?
5. Is my program competitive? How many students apply? How many students are accepted?
6. How can I increase my chances of being accepted?
7. Is acceptance based on marks alone or are there other factors? (portfolio, profile, interview etc.)
8. Can I apply to more than one program at your school?
9. When do I choose my courses? What if I change my mind?
10. Once accepted, can I change my major? When?
11. If I am not accepted to the program I want, do I have other options with your school?

Finances:

1. What are the costs involved in attending your school for one year?
2. Is financial aid available from your school?
3. Are there athletic scholarships?
4. What are the entrance scholarships based on? Are they awarded based on final average or the peak average over the course of the year?
5. Do I need to apply or are there automatic scholarships or bursaries?
6. Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

Housing:

1. What percent of first year students live on campus?
2. What are the options for housing on campus? Off-campus?
3. Is residence guaranteed?
4. How do I apply for residence?
5. Can I choose my residence? room? roommate?
6. What types of rooms are available?
7. Are meal plans optional or mandatory in residence?
8. What types of meal plans are available?
9. Do meal plans accommodate food allergies, vegetarian/vegan diets, health or faith-based restrictions, and other dietary requirements?

Student Services:

1. What academic and career services are available to students?
2. What resources are there for students who seek tutoring? Is there a writing center?
3. What are the available medical facilities? Are they open 24 hours a day?
4. Are there campus support services specifically for first year students?
5. Are there any other student services available?
6. What is the student population? When are the tours/special events scheduled for Grade 11 and 12 students to visit the campus?

Classroom and Professors:

1. What is the average class size for the program I'm interested in?
2. Are first year class sizes larger than upper-year class sizes?
3. Do first year students have access to top faculty?
4. Are professors approachable?
5. How many students continue in the same program second year?

Campus Safety:

1. Is the campus secure?
2. Is there a student escort system or shuttle?
3. Can students walk alone at night?

Community:

1. What is the local town/city like? Urban? Suburban? Rural?
2. Does public transportation provide easy travel between the campus and the community? Will I need a car to get around?
3. How far away from my home is your campus? How much time will it take to get there from my home (by car, bus, train, air, or public transportation)?
4. Does the university/college have exchange programs to other countries?

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