

## **UK university Open Day checklist**

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### **WHAT TO DO BEFORE THE VISIT**

- Book your Open Day through the university's website.
- If necessary, book your lectures, tour, lunch in the canteen etc.
- Plan your transport.
- Prepare a list of questions. Example questions are given below.
- Research your chosen course. Questions to research before visiting are given below.
- Create a timetable of your day.
- Print off a map of the campus

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### **WHAT TO DO DURING THE VISIT**

- Ask the questions you prepared!
- Pick up the contact email of the admissions officer and tour guides to be able to follow up with more questions later.
- Talk to faculty and staff! If you have the opportunity to meet professors that teach the subject you are interested in, ask them questions about your future career path.
- Talk to current students! They will be able to speak openly about the student experience and offer a very different perspective to an admissions officer.
- Check out the university facilities (accommodation, cafeteria, gym, swimming pool, library)
- Walk around the campus to get a feel for the community and atmosphere.
- Explore the surrounding town/city to get a feel for the area.

- Take notes of all your findings to refer back to later.

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## QUESTIONS TO RESEARCH BEFORE VISITING

- Does the university offer my course?
- What is a typical offer for my course?
- Is there a university campus or are the buildings spread across a town/city?
- Are there any particular subjects that my course requires?
- Does this department require applicants to take an admissions test / sit an interview / provide a portfolio?
- How long is my course?
- How well is this university ranked for my course?
- How far away is this university from my home town?

## Suggested questions for the open day

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### QUESTIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TUTORS

- What is the university policy on gap years and deferred entry?
- Are any particular subjects or qualifications favoured in applications?
- What do admissions tutors look for in an application?
- What is the percentage of international students? Where does the student population come from?
- What happens to students who don't meet their offer? Are there places in clearing?
- What do admissions tutors think of extracurricular activities on applications?
- Am I at an advantage if I send in my application early?
- Does the university provide any bursaries/scholarships?

- How many students study my course?
- What is the completion rate for my course?
- What are the career options for graduates of my course?

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### QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS

- Is it expensive to live here?
- How much does accommodation / a night out / travel cost?
- What's the workload like in a typical week?
- How have you found the teaching / facilities / course so far?
- Where do you like to study?
- Do you self-cater or eat at a canteen? How much does that cost?
- Why did you choose to apply to this university?
- How flexible is the course? Are you able to choose modules or change course?
- What extracurricular activities do you do?
- What is it like to live in this area? What is the surrounding community like?
- Is there time to have a job during the term?

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### QUESTIONS FOR PROFESSORS

- Do lecturers help students outside of class? What opportunities do I have to meet with my lecturers for extra help?
- How many hours of teacher contact time will I receive?
- What is the student to faculty ratio?
- How big are the classes?

- What is it like to teach a lecture hall versus a small class? Do you try and get to know your students in both scenarios? How?
- What percentage of students take part in research?
- How is my subject examined? Coursework or written tests?
- Will I have to complete any group projects as part of my degree?
- What is your favorite thing about this college? Why do you choose to work here?