



## The Top Questions to Answer When Researching A School

**Answer these questions to get to know a college:** You can find these answers on each college's website as well as through trusted sources like [unigo.com](http://unigo.com) or *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*. We recommend writing out your notes in a separate document.

1. What kinds of classes does the college have? Small? Big? Lecture? Discussion? Are classes taught by professors or teaching fellows?
2. Who are the professors? Where did they study? What kinds of backgrounds do they have?
3. How many classes does the average student take? How many hours a week of class, how many hours a week of study time?
4. How much do students study?
5. Is the major you want to do specifically challenging in the university? Does it have a reputation?
6. What is unique about their learning environment? What sets the classes apart from other universities?
7. What is their learning philosophy and why is it important to you?
8. If interested: What kinds of specific opportunities for academically-related extracurricular activities are there? Name 3 specific things you want to do
9. What kinds of people go there? What do they do to socialize? Do they socialize?
10. What are the 3 the most popular majors there? What does this say about the student body there? Are they all typical to those majors?
11. What kinds of futures do their students have? What kind of people do they produce? What is the university's philosophy on this?
12. Having done the above research, what did you like most about this school? What are your biggest concerns?