

# OBAMA

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## What to Ask A College Admissions Rep

Our high school students will participate in the PROBE College Fair this Friday (9/18) at Atlanta Metropolitan College. This means they need insight into how to take full advantage of the opportunity to have open dialogue with an admissions representative. They are encouraged to see this as a great opportunity to gain insight and knowledge prior to making one of the most important decisions in their life - choosing a college. Students shouldn't just stop by every table and collect brochures and other college materials, but actually take the time to hold intelligent conversation with the college representative, and get answers to important questions that could help you with the decision making process. Listed below are some potential questions to help you get the conversation started.

### General

1. What makes your school different or special?
2. What is the mission, purpose, or philosophy of this institution?

### Academics

1. What is the average class size during the freshman year? Overall?
2. What are the smallest class sizes? The largest?
3. Do graduate students teach undergraduates?
4. Do faculty maintain office hours?
5. Are certain courses hard to get into? What percent?
6. Are there any required courses?
7. What type of academic advising is provided?
8. Do you give credit for AP courses? Is a certain test score required?

### Career Resources/Alumni

1. Do you offer internships? Are they required? Are they paid positions or for class credit? Are they available for all majors?
2. What career services do you offer? Resume writing? Counseling? On campus recruiting? Job listings? Alumni networking/mentoring? Graduate school information and advising?
3. What percentage of graduates go directly into the work force? To graduate school?

### Location/Student Life

1. How large is the campus?
2. How far is the campus from the nearest airport? Train/bus station? Subway?
3. Does the college provide transportation locally? To airports/trains/shopping areas?
4. What percentage of students are housed on-campus? Off-campus?
5. Is housing guaranteed for all 4 years?

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