

Preparing to Transfer?

Here's what to ask college recruiters!

To help you determine if a college/university is a good fit for YOU, it's important to ask questions. Here are 7 key topics of exploration to help you research or to prompt conversations with admission counselors.

PROGRAMS

- What majors do you offer?
- Are advanced degrees (master's, doctorate) offered?
- Do you offer any technical or certificate programs?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoon, evenings, weekends, or during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus, or in the community?
- Do you have any honors programs for transfer students?
- Do you consider your school as transfer friendly? Why or why not?
- What are your graduation and retention rates?

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban, or rural setting?
- Are you on a semester or quarter system? When do classes begin?
- What kinds of social, cultural, and recreational activities are available on the campus or in the community?
- How diverse is your campus population?
- Do you have a disability services office?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation provide easy access to both the campus and community?
- In what ways do you see a Phi Theta Kappa member thriving on your campus?
- Do you have a transfer support office, transfer clubs/organization or social events specifically for transfer students?
- How many students are enrolled in your institution? How many of the enrolled students are transfer students?

VISITING

- How do I arrange to talk with someone further at your college to discuss enrollment opportunities?
- How do I arrange to take a tour of your campus?
- Do you have an open house program for prospective students? When and whom do I contact for more information?

COST OF ATTENDANCE

• What is the cost of your institution including tuition or registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?

- When is payment due for those fees?
- Will you waive the application fee for Phi Theta Kappa members?
- Do I have to send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? If so, how much, and when?

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP

- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for scholarships separately?
- What kind of scholarships do you have for transfer students? Are these scholarships stackable with others?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain ethnic minority or other underrepresented groups?
- Are work-study programs available? Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

- Where, when, and how can I apply to your University?
- What is your application deadline date?
- When do I have to submit transcripts, test scores and other admission materials?
- Does my major have any additional requirements? If so, what special requirements do I need?
- Do transfer students get priority registration?
- If I'm not accepted in my major, what are my options? Can I change to another major?

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- What are your admission requirements for transfer students?
- What is the admissions priority of transfer students from community colleges? From four-year colleges?
- If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer? How and when will I know?
- Do you offer academic clemency?
- How do I know what credits from my two-year college will transfer? Will a course in which I received a "D" grade count for transfer credit?
- How do you determine my grade if I repeat a course?

Need Assistance? We're here to help! Contact Phi Theta Kappa's College Relations team at <u>collegerelations@ptk.org</u> or 866.286.8453.