

A map of the state of Illinois, outlined in black. The interior of the state is divided into numerous smaller, irregular shapes representing county boundaries. The map is set against a white background.

Plan a college visit — either in person or virtually — to help you figure it out.

Here are a few ways to get to know New Jersey colleges:

Check out a college online via virtual tours to get a sense of the campus.

Attend a college fair with representatives from a variety of schools.

See if your high school offers group college visits.

Schedule an in-person college tour as early as possible.

So you've scheduled some in-person college tours. Now what?

DO SOME RESEARCH

- ☐ Follow colleges on social media to learn more about student life.
- ☐ Consider potential areas of interest, since not every school offers the same degrees.
- ☐ Talk to your high school guidance counselor.
- ☐ Run the Net Price Calculator found on college websites to get an idea of what financial costs might look before you receive your official financial aid package.
- ☐ Contact the Financial Aid office of a New Jersey college. They will answer any questions you might have.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COLLEGE TOUR

- ☐ Explore campus facilities either with a guided tour or on your own, if allowed.
- ☐ Take notes.
- ☐ Sit in on a class, if possible.
- ☐ Talk to students about their college experiences.

ASK QUESTIONS

- ☐ Go on a guided tour, if you're able. Be sure to ask the student guide questions, since they will be a good source of information.
- ☐ Ask about campus transportation, housing, dining hall, and student activities.
- ☐ Ask about career services, internships, and opportunities.
- ☐ Ask about class sizes and professors.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

- ☐ Compare your impressions about each college.
- ☐ Follow up with the Admissions and the Financial Aid office if you have more questions.
- ☐ Decide which colleges you'd like to apply to, keeping in mind application deadlines and if you need to take the SAT or ACT.



You can keep track of your college visits right here!

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To learn more about colleges in New Jersey and everything they have to offer, visit CollegeForYou.NJ.gov.

