

# Campus Exploration Activity Checklist

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**Instructions and purpose:** Taking a college tour with your mentor is a great way to develop “college knowledge” and learn about the benefits of college life. Be sure to get a map of the campus before you begin your tour. You can usually find a map online at the college’s website or at the college’s admission center. When looking at the map with your mentor, think about places you would like to visit.

Can’t take an in-person tour? Try a virtual tour! Visit KnowHow2Go University online:  
<http://www.knowhow2go.org/campustour/>

## Places to Visit

- Campus Bookstore** is where you can find books, school supplies, and merchandise with the school’s logo.

**Recommended Activities:** At the book store, look for course books in your areas of interest. For example, if you are interested in politics, look at the course books for political science courses. Do the topics in the book interest you?

- Student Center** is where students hang out between classes. Also, this is where you can learn about clubs and activities offered on campus.

**Recommended Activities:** Explore student clubs and activities by looking at the center’s bulletin board.

- Financial Aid Office** provides students with the information and support they need to pay for school and living expenses.

**Recommended Activities:** Look for the Federal Student Aid Application (FAFSA) and grab one! This is your one-stop application to receive federal and state student aid money (and it’s possible that you would not have to pay some of it back!). You can also explore scholarship opportunities. Take a look at the bulletin board in the financial aid office to see what scholarships are offered.

- Educational Opportunity Center** offers counseling and information on college admissions to low-income students. Some centers provide services to improve the financial and economic literacy of participants and help them become aware of their financial aid options.

**Recommended Activities:** If a staff member is available ask him or her about resources for students and inquire about the criteria for eligibility. Also, look around the office for information posted about the resources offered.

- ❑ **Student Support Services** provide academic tutoring, academic and financial aid counseling, and transfer support. Some programs also provide personal and career counseling, opportunities for students to engage in cultural events, housing assistance for former foster-care youth, and mentoring opportunities.

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- ❑ **Career Services Office** can be a gold mine of useful information and opportunities. Many career resource centers provide computer programs to explore your career interests, information on developing the credentials and experiences you need to get the career that you want, job search tips and resume assistance, and job and internship postings.

**Recommended Activities:** Use the resources at the career center to explore your career interests and possible career paths with your mentor.

- ❑ **Student Advising Office** is where you meet with an academic counselor to discuss your course schedule and your plans for earning a degree or credential while you are enrolled in the postsecondary institution.
- ❑ **Supplemental Instruction or Academic Tutoring Office** is where you can get the help needed to be successful in your postsecondary coursework.
- ❑ **Student Athletic Center** is the fitness center usually open to students free of charge.