

The Role of Visiting Colleges

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Overview

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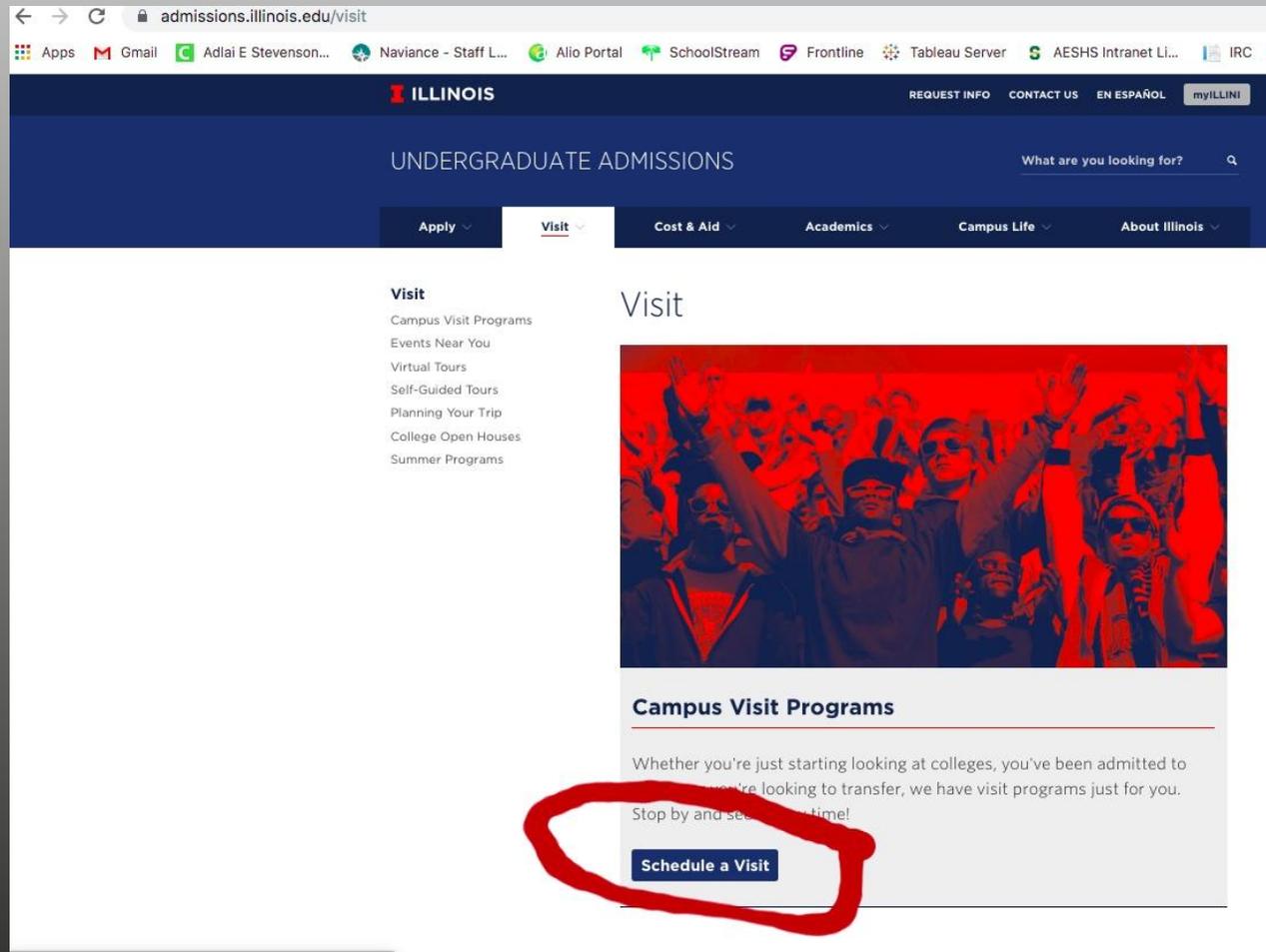


Why should you visit colleges?

- ❑ See the school in person, not just pictures
- ❑ Meet school representatives
- ❑ Ask questions directly
- ❑ Meet other students
- ❑ Get a feel for the campus and available resources
- ❑ Sense the culture and community
- ❑ Learn about facilities and updates
- ❑ Obtain help with applying, scholarships, financial aid
- ❑ Possible benefits like early applying or discounts

How do you set up college visits?

- Reach out to the college
 - Call or email the Admissions Office
 - Set up appointment through the website



The screenshot shows the Illinois Admissions website at admissions.illinois.edu/visit. The page is titled "UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS" and features a navigation menu with options like "Apply", "Visit", "Cost & Aid", "Academics", "Campus Life", and "About Illinois". The "Visit" section is active, displaying a list of links on the left: "Campus Visit Programs", "Events Near You", "Virtual Tours", "Self-Guided Tours", "Planning Your Trip", "College Open Houses", and "Summer Programs". The main content area features a large image of a diverse group of students with their arms raised, overlaid with a red filter. Below the image, the heading "Campus Visit Programs" is followed by a paragraph: "Whether you're just starting looking at colleges, you've been admitted to college, or you're looking to transfer, we have visit programs just for you. Stop by and see us any time!". A blue button labeled "Schedule a Visit" is prominently displayed at the bottom of this section and is circled in red.



How do you set up college visits?

The screenshot shows the University of Illinois admissions website. The main navigation bar includes 'ILLINOIS', 'REQUEST INFO', 'CONTACT US', 'EN ESPAÑOL', and 'myILLINI'. The 'UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS' section has a search bar and a menu with 'Apply', 'Visit', 'Cost & Aid', 'Academics', 'Campus Life', and 'About Illinois'. The 'Visit' section is expanded, showing a sidebar with links like 'Events Near You', 'Virtual Tours', and 'Self-Guided Tours'. The main content area is titled 'Campus Visit Programs' and contains the following sections:

- Prospective Freshman Visits**: These visits are for high school students who are interested in Illinois and haven't been admitted yet.
- Daily Visits**: Held most weekdays and select Saturdays, these visits are around 2 1/2 hours in length and include an overview of Illinois, a student panel, and a campus tour. College meetings are often available upon request if you're visiting on a weekday.
- Orange & Blue Days**: These are larger, day-long open houses held each spring and fall. In addition to an overview of Illinois and a student panel, they also include presentations by Housing and Financial Aid, campus tours, college sessions, and a variety of optional activities.
- Admitted Freshman Visits**
- Transfer Visits**
- Group Visits**

Two 'Register' buttons are circled in red, with arrows pointing to them from the left. The first 'Register' button is under the 'Prospective Freshman Visits' section, and the second is under the 'Orange & Blue Days' section.



How do you set up college visits?

enroll.illinois.edu/portal/prospect_daily

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ILLINOIS ADMISSIONS

Daily Visits

To display and register for events, select an available date from the calendar.

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

- Prospective Student Daily Visit
Tuesday, October 22 at 10:00 AM
Alice Campbell Alumni Center
Urbana, IL

October 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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Legend:

- Available
- Unavailable / Filled
- Not Scheduled

Need help? Email admissions@illinois.edu or call 217-333-0302.



What types of colleges should you visit?

- ❑ Schools of interest
- ❑ Location
- ❑ Size
- ❑ Private or public
- ❑ Urban, rural, suburban



Additional Considerations

- ❑ Visit multiple schools at least once
- ❑ Make a connection with an admissions representative
- ❑ Talk to other students
- ❑ Visit:
 - ❑ Residence halls
 - ❑ Classrooms
 - ❑ Athletic facilities
- ❑ Explore on your own
 - ❑ Places important to you (e.g. library, business building)



When should you visit colleges?

- ❑ Schedule visits during school breaks if possible
 - ❑ Visiting in the summer looks and feels different than a visit during the regular school year.
- ❑ Junior year is a good time to start visiting if you have not already



Are visits occurring during the pandemic?

- ❑ Some schools are still offering in person visits.
- ❑ However, many areas and features of schools are not open.
- ❑ Appointments are mandatory and you must follow the schools protocol (e.g., only limited number of family can visit)



Virtual Campus Tour

Example: <https://campustours.com/>



How can you show colleges you are interested in applying?

- ❑ “*Demonstrated Interest*” is the degree to which you demonstrate to colleges that you are sincerely interested in attending their school.
 - ❑ Visit the college.
 - ❑ Meet with an admissions officer when they visit SHS
 - ❑ Sign up on Naviance.
 - ❑ Attend a webinar, informational session, or regional college fair.
 - ❑ Participate in on-campus or virtual activities.
 - ❑ Visit the website, sign up for newsletters, and follow on social media.
 - ❑ Complete surveys.
 - ❑ Apply Early Decision or Early Action.
 - ❑ Contact the school after you apply.

**Can be viewed as a safety school if no demonstrated interest



Questions?



Please complete the survey by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.

<https://forms.gle/xvhd9zPbYMrM6hsS9>

