Sample College Tour Itineraries

As you begin planning college visits, it is important to incorporate different types of campuses into your planning. This will allow your child to gain a valuable perspective concerning the type of institution that may ultimately be the best fit for his/her interests and aspirations. When we discuss college types in this process, we are at first mostly referring to size, location, and immediate surrounding area. In the following pages, you will find several suggested college tour itineraries, all of which incorporate different types of campuses. These itineraries are merely suggestions and afford you and your child an opportunity to explore a variety of institutions as you begin the process of identifying the characteristics that are ultimately going to be the most important to your son or daughter in this process moving forward.

Local Itinerary
We are fortunate to have several great campuses in our immediate area, allowing for students and parents to see a range of institutional types without having to travel too far from Hudson.

**Case Western Reserve University** (Cleveland, Ohio)
www.cwru.edu
*Driving time: 45 minutes from WRA*
*Size: 4,277 undergraduate students*
*Campus Setting: Urban*
*Private/Public: Private, Research University*
*Admission: Very Selective*
*Distinctive qualities/programs: Case is comprised of four undergraduate colleges: The College of Arts and Sciences, Case School of Engineering, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, and the Weatherhead School of Management. Case Western Reserve University offers degrees in 75 different academic areas including (but not limited to): Biomedical Engineering, Accounting, Business, Aerospace Engineering, Nursing, Nutrition, Spanish, Theater, Ethnic Studies, and Sociology.*

**Oberlin College and Conservatory** (Oberlin, OH)
www.oberlin.edu
*Driving time: 1 hour from WRA*
*Size: 2,900 total (2,300 – College of Arts and Sciences, 600 – Conservatory)*
*Campus Setting: rural*
*Private/Public: Private, liberal arts college*
*Admission: Highly Selective*
*Distinctive programs/qualities: Oberlin is comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences and The Conservatory of Music. The college confers a B.A. degree for students in the College of Arts and Sciences and a B.M for students in the Conservatory. There is also a five-year dual degree program for students who are interested in earning both a B.A. and a B.M. Academic majors include (but are not limited to): Economics, Biology, Neuroscience, Jewish Studies, Creative Writing, Politics, Music Performance: instrumental and vocal, and Composition.*

**John Carroll University** (University Heights, OH)
www.jcu.edu
*Driving time: 30 minutes from WRA*
*Size: 3,000*
*Campus Setting: Suburban*
*Private/Public: Private, Jesuit*
*Admission: Selective*
*Distinctive programs/qualities: John Carroll offers degrees in a wide variety of majors. The five most popular majors are: Speech Communication and Rhetoric; Education; Marketing/Marketing Management; Business Administration and Management; and Psychology.*
University of Akron (Akron, OH)
www.akron.edu
Driving time: 20 minutes from WRA
Size: 22,500
Campus Setting: Urban, small city
Private/Public: Public
Admission: Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: The University of Akron offers students the opportunity to pursue coursework in over 200 different majors. Though strong in all subject areas, the University of Akron is particularly known for its strength in engineering, including biomedical, electrical and mechanical engineering.

Central and Southern Ohio Itinerary

The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio)
www.osu.edu
Driving time: Approximately 2.5 hours from WRA
Size: 43,000
Campus setting: Suburban
Private/Public: Public Research University
Admission: Very Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: The State's flagship public university, Ohio State's main campus is located in a suburb of Columbus. There are four branch campuses in Lima, Marion, Mansfield, and Newark. At the main branch of OSU, over 175 majors are offered in a range of subjects and specialties. OSU also offers a highly competitive Honors Program and Scholars Program that affords highly motivated students the opportunity to benefit from living and learning communities within the broader confines of the university.

Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio)
www.owu.edu
Driving time: approximately 35 minutes north of Columbus
Size: 2,000
Public/Private: Private, liberal arts college
Campus Setting: Small Town
Admission: Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: Ohio Wesleyan offers 41 majors in a range of subjects including: International Studies, Journalism, Biology, Genetics and Molecular Biology, Urban Studies, Accounting, Music, Theater and Dance. OWU also offers extensive study abroad and undergraduate internship opportunities. Ohio Wesleyan is a NCAA Division III institution and competes in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Denison University (Granville, Ohio)
www.denison.edu
Driving time: approximately 30 minutes west of Columbus
Size: 2,300
Public/Private: Private, liberal arts college
Campus Setting: Small Town
Admission: Very Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: Denison offers 46 majors in a range of subjects including: Environmental Studies, Organizational Studies, Athletic Training, Communication, Neuroscience, Physics, Arabic, German, Art History, and Cinema. In addition to rich academic offerings, Denison affords students the opportunity to get involved in any number of organizations and clubs on campus and explore leadership opportunities. Like WRA, Denison has a relationship with the Burton D. Morgan Foundation which offers students the chance to participate in the Liberal Arts and Entrepreneurship Program.
Miami University, Ohio (Oxford, Ohio)
www.miamioh.edu
Driving time: approximately 2 hours south/west of Columbus
Size: 15,600
Public/Private: Public, University
Campus Setting: Small Town
Admission: Very Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: For those students interested in a smaller public university, Miami University in Oxford is a good option. The campus is much smaller than OSU and the university takes on more of the look and feel of a smaller liberal arts college, even though it is a public university. Miami offers over 100 majors in a range of subjects including: Business Economics, Chinese Education, Computer Science, Diplomacy, Management and Leadership, Social Justice Studies, Psychology, and Zoology. Miami University also offers high achieving students the opportunity to participate in a Living/Learning Honors Program.

Southern New England Itinerary
(Boston/Rhode Island/Connecticut)

Northeastern University, (Boston, MA)
www.northeastern.edu
Transportation: Closest airport – Boston Logan International Airport. Public transportation in Boston is reliable, though renting a car may be a good option, depending on your intention to leave the city.
Size: 19,000
Public/Private: Private University
Campus Setting: Urban
Admission: Highly Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: Comprised of undergraduate colleges, Northeastern offers programs of study in the College of Arts, Media and Design, the D’Amore-McKim School of Business, the College of Computer and Information Science, the College of Engineering, the Bouve College of Health Sciences, the College of Professional Studies, the College of Science, and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Northeastern is very proud of its Co-Op program, which dates back over one hundred years and allows students to combine their academic course of study with real-world experiential learning. Through this cooperative education, students alternate semesters of academic study in the classroom with semesters of full-time employment in greater Boston, the United States, and world.

Boston College, (Boston, MA)
www.bc.edu
Transportation: A short, 20 minute “T” ride (public transportation in Boston) or drive from Northeastern
Size: 10,000
Public/Private: Private, Jesuit
Campus Setting: Suburban/Urban
Admission: Highly Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: Boston College is a Jesuit institution and offers students the opportunity to pursue study in 56 majors and minors and 21 interdisciplinary programs. At the undergraduate level, Boston College is comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Carroll School of Management, the Connell School of Nursing, and the Lynch School of Education.
**Emerson College**, (Boston, MA)

*www.emerson.edu*

*Transportation:* A short, 20 minute “T” ride (public transportation in Boston) or drive from Northeastern/Boston College

*Size:* 3,600

*Public/Private:* Private

*Campus Setting:* Urban

*Admission:* Selective

*Distinctive qualities/programs:* Located adjacent to the Boston Common, Emerson College specializes primarily in Communications, Journalism, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. With branch campuses in Los Angeles, Prague, and the Netherlands, students are afforded many opportunities to explore their interests within the United States and the world.

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**Other institutions to consider visiting in the Boston area:** Tufts University, Babson University, Bentley University, Brandeis College, Boston University, Harvard College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Simmons College, Berklee College of Music

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**Wheaton College**, (Norton, MA)

*www.wheatoncollege.edu*

*Driving time:* 45 minutes south of Boston

*Size:* 1,600

*Public/Private:* Private, liberal arts college

*Campus Setting:* Small Town

*Admission:* Very Selective

*Distinctive qualities/programs:* Wheaton offers programs in 45 different majors and 65 minors ranging from Astronomy to Economics, Development Studies to International Studies, Neuroscience to Public Policy Studies, and Sociology to Russian Studies. Additionally, there are a wealth of interesting study abroad and internship opportunities available for all students.

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**Providence College**, (Providence, RI)

*www.providence.edu*

*Driving time:* 45 minutes south of Boston

*Size:* 4,350

*Public/Private:* Private, Jesuit

*Campus Setting:* Suburban

*Admission:* Selective

*Distinctive qualities/programs:* Providence College is an institution that prides itself on its commitment to the liberal arts. For the Fall semester in 2012, the College adopted a new Core Curriculum that “combines the breadth appropriate to a liberal arts education in the Catholic and Dominican tradition with the flexibility needed for each student to focus on exploring in depth one aspect of the core” (taken from the Providence College website). In addition to the core curriculum, Providence College offers 49 Majors and 35 Minors.

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**Other institutions to consider visiting in southeastern MA/Rhode Island:** Brown University, University of Rhode Island, Bryant University

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**Connecticut College**, (New London, CT)

*www.conncoll.edu*

*Driving time:* 45 minutes south/east of Providence

*Size:* 1,900

*Public/Private:* Private, liberal arts college

*Campus Setting:* Small city

*Admission:* Very Selective

*Distinctive qualities/programs:* Originally founded in 1911 as an all-women's college, Connecticut College has since become a co-ed institution. Located on the south eastern coast of CT, the College prides itself on offering a strong liberal arts education. There are over 40 majors offered and students benefit from a wealth of study abroad and internship opportunities. The college is a member of NESCAC (the New England Small College Athletic Conference) and competes at the NCAA Division III level.
Wesleyan University, (Middletown, CT)
www.wesleyan.edu
Driving time: 45 minutes north/west of Connecticut College
Size: 2,900
Public/Private: Private, liberal arts college
Campus Setting: Small city
Admission: Highly Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: Wesleyan is an elite liberal arts institution that offers several special programs including a 3-2 Engineering program with Caltech and Columbia University, a Teaching Apprentice Program and participates in the Twelve College Exchange Program. Popular majors are Political Science and Government, Psychology, Economics, English Language and Literature, and Sociology. Wesleyan is also a member of the NESCAC and offers a wide variety of club and intramural athletic opportunities.

University of Connecticut, (Storrs, CT)
www.uconn.edu
Driving time: one hour north/east of Wesleyan
Size: 17,500
Public/Private: Public, research university
Campus Setting: Rural
Admission: Selective
Distinctive qualities/programs: The University of Connecticut at Storrs is the flagship campus for the University of Connecticut system. The university's most popular majors include Business and Management, Social Sciences, Health Professions, Biological and Biomedical Sciences, and Engineering. UConn has a nationally recognized athletic program that competes at the Division I level in the Big East Conference.

Other institutions to consider visiting in Connecticut: Trinity College, Yale University, Fairfield University, Quinnipiac University

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens on a college visit?
All colleges will offer regularly scheduled campus tours and admission information sessions. You can expect that your campus tour will be led by a current student tour guide. Most tours will last anywhere from 1-2 hours. Information sessions are often conducted by admission representatives, though some offices will include current students in these presentations as well. Information sessions will typically last 30 minutes-1 hour. In addition to tours and information sessions, some colleges may offer students the opportunity to interview while on campus. Interviews are only offered to high school seniors in the fall and, at some colleges, high school juniors in the spring. If you have specific areas of interest, do not hesitate to contact an admission office prior to your campus visit and inquire about the possibility of meeting with a faculty member from a specific department or any other member of the institutional staff that could be helpful to you (financial aid, career services, etc.)

Do I need to make an appointment to visit a college?
The best way to determine what you need to do in advance of a visit is look at the admission website of each individual college. Some colleges may ask that you register for a tour and information session prior to coming to campus and others will just list the tour/information session date/times with no registration required. If you are unable to visit a college during one of the specified tour times, make sure to at least stop in to the admission office, register your visit to campus, and ask for a self-guided tour.