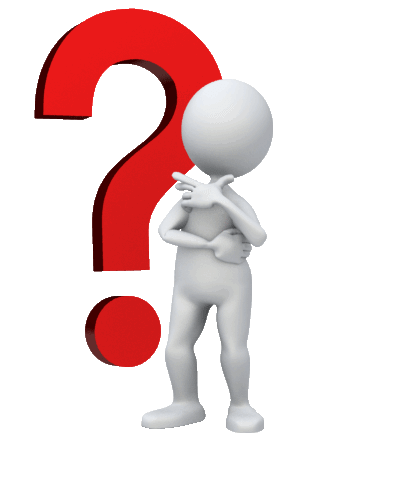
QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE 

UNIVERSITY

* Distance from home?
* Is the university in an urban or rural setting?
* What is the student enrollment?
* What is the size of the campus?
* What are the residence halls like?
* Must students live on campus?
* What are the campus activities?
* Is this university a commuter or residential campus?
* What is the vision/mission statement of the university?
* Is the campus safe? Is it a friendly environment?

ACADEMICS

* Does this university have my major?
* How many years will it take me to get through my major?
* How strong is my major at this university?
* What is the student to professor ratio? What is the average class size?
* What is the graduation rate for the university, students in my major, athletes, the program?
* What percent of graduates are placed out of my major?
* Do student-athletes get priority scheduling?
* Is tutorial help available? Writing center? Are study tables required?
* Are professors willing to work with the schedule of an athlete?
* Does the coach monitor grades / class attendance? How?

THE PROGRAM

* What is the vision/core values of the program?
* What kind of tradition has the program established?
* What level of commitment has been made to the program by the university/athletic department?
* How strong is the conference?
* What was the win/loss record last season? Over the past 5 seasons?
* Where did the team finish in the conference last year? Over the past 5 years?
* Did any team member receive All-Conference recognition? All- American recognition?

THE COACH / TEAM

* How long has the coaching staff been there?
* When does the head coach’s contract end?
* What best describes the head coach’s style of coaching?
* What is the player/coach relationship like?
* What kind of “team building” activities does the team do?
* What is the style of play?
* Do freshmen get an opportunity to play? Is “redshirting” an option?
* Do the players get along?
* How are captains selected?
* What are the team’s yearly goals? Who decides them?
* Does the team get support from the student body? From the community?
* Does the team have a full time athletic trainer? Does he/she travel with the team?
* Is the team involved in community service activities?

TRAVEL/ COMPETITION SCHEDULE

* How does the team travel? Farthest road trip?
* Where does the team stay on road trips? How many to a room?
* How many classes (on the average) are missed first semester? Second semester?
* What does the non-conference schedule look like?
* Does the team play in any tournament?
* On what days does competition take place?
* Does the team play double-headers? How many?
* Does the university have the opportunity to host the conference tournament? Regional tournament? National tournament?
* Will there be an opportunity to take a “nice trip” during my career here?

FACILITIES

* What is the locker room like?
* Does the team have its own team/film room?
* Does the team practice and play games in the same facility?
* What is the weight room like? How many teams share it?

SCHOLARSHIPS

* What is covered by the scholarship?
* When would a scholarship not be renewed?
* What would happen to the scholarship if a career ending injury occurs?
* What are preferred, invited and uninvited walk-on situations? How many earn a scholarship?

STUDENT-ATHLETE’S SCHEDULE

Are these required of an athlete in the program?

* Summers spent on campus taking classes?
* Work summer camps?