Questions to Ask University Reps

University representatives frequently visit Mt. SAC at college fairs, for one-on-one appointments, at information tables and for workshops. Below are questions that you may wish to ask these representatives. Note that not all questions may be applicable to your transfer situation, so select those questions that are pertinent to your transfer goals, and then ask them!

What are your campus and community like?
- Is your college located in an urban, suburban or rural setting?
- What kinds of social, cultural, and recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- How far away from my home is your campus? How much time does it take to get there from my home by car or by public transportation?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community/school?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
- What types of on-campus housing does your campus have? Is family housing available?

Tell me about my major and academics...
- Do you offer my major?
- Is my degree program accredited – by whom and at what level (undergraduate/graduate)?
- Are advance degrees (master’s, doctorate) offered?
- What other programs do you offer which will support my major?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus or in the community?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?
- Does your campus have study abroad programs?
- Do you have any support programs similar to EOPS to assist me while I attend at your university?

What about admissions requirements?
- What are the minimum admission requirements for transfer students?
- Is your campus impacted? If so, what does that mean in terms of admissions requirements?
- Is my major impacted at your campus? If so, what special requirements do I need?
- Do you accept lower-division transfer students (with fewer than 60 units)?
- Will I need to take an admissions test?
- Can I take an admissions test more than once and if so, which score will you honor?
- How do you determine my grade if I repeat a course?
- Will a course in which I received a "D" grade count?
- Do you honor academic renewal?
- Do you give extra credit for honors courses?
- What is the admissions priority of transfer students from community colleges versus four-year colleges?
- Do you give local students preference in the admissions process? How do you define who is a local student?
- Do you admit international students? If so, are there special admission requirements?
Tell me about the application process...
- Where, when, and how can I get an application?
- When can I first apply? What is your application deadline date?
- Do you have a transfer admission guarantee? How can I qualify?
- Can I apply to more than one campus in your system? How? Can I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind?
- Do I have to write a personal statement or essay as part of the application? If so, what is the prompt or questions that I must answer?
- When do I have to submit transcripts, test scores and other admissions materials?
- Are letters of recommendation required? Are they accepted and considered if not required?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- If I'm not accepted in my major what are my options? Can I change to another major? Have my application sent to another campus for consideration?
- If I am not admitted, how may I appeal that decision?
- How and when will I know if my credits transfer?
- Do I have to send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When? Does this fee go toward any of the fees for my first term?

How much does your college cost?
- What are the costs of tuition, registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?
- When do I pay those fees? Are there payment plans?
- What are the chances that the fees will be increased and when will I know?

What about financial aid and scholarships?
- What kinds of financial assistance are available?
- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?
- What sort of financial assistance does your campus offer for AB 540 students and how may I qualify?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus or in the community?

What else do I need to know?
- What kinds of special help will be available to me after I enroll?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from under-represented groups?
- Can I take courses at your college for college credit while I am still attending community college?
- How do I make arrangements to talk with someone at your college to further discuss enrollment opportunities?
- How do I make arrangements to take a tour of your campus?
- Do you have an open house program for prospective students? When and whom do I contact for more information?