

Ask smart questions during an open day

Before you visit an open day, think about what you'd like to know. Make a list of the questions you want to ask. Questions could for example, include:

- What does the programme entail exactly?
- How many lecture hours or contact hours do you have per week?
- Will you have lectures, practicals, tutorials or seminars?
- Will you work together with others a lot?
- How large are the groups?
- What is the relationship with lecturers like?
- On average, how many hours per week will you need to study?
- How many students are there in the first year?
- How many students drop out? Do they drop out because the study is too difficult or for other reasons?
- Are there certain 'problem courses' that are difficult? Do you have any tips on passing these?
- Is there a binding study advice and what does this entail?
- How will I be tested? Are there many examinations or do you need to complete lots of assignments?
- How does this programme differ from the same programme in other places?
- What kinds of jobs do most students end up in?
- Is there a student association connected to the programme?
- Are there also student associations in the city?
- Is there an introduction period/camp and how is this organised?

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