

Questions to Ask College Coaches

Academics

- What is the academic profile of the university? *can research independently.
- What is the university's graduation rate? *can research independently.
- How does the program instill accountability in the classroom?
- What is the team's GPA?
- What is the program's retention rate?
- How connected are the program's alumni?
 - Are they willing to help with professional development & job placement?
- What do most of your players major in?
- Are there any majors that I would not be able major in while playing baseball?
- What academic resources are available to student athletes?
- When do most players complete mandatory internships for their majors?

Athletics

- What do you love most about coaching at {*insert university name here*}?
- What are your goals for the continued growth of the program?
 - How do you plan on getting to where you are trying to go?
- In your opinion, what has led to your program's success? How have you sustained it?
- How would your players describe your style of coaching?
- The best players you've ever coached {at your position}; what do they have in common?
- Beyond skillset, what are you looking for in players that you recruit?
- In your evaluation of me as a player; what are my strengths?
 - In what areas do I need to improve?
 - How you could help me improve my weaknesses?
 - What would our first few months look like working with one another?
- Do players have access to the field/facilities outside of team practice?
- Are there any plans for facility upgrades or additions in the near future?
- How accessible is the team's athletic trainer & team physician?
- How common is it for freshmen to earn a starting role their first year?
- In your program, how frequently do roles change?
 - What causes roles to change?
- Would you mind me asking how many players have you signed at my position in the class?
- If you don't mind me asking, how many more players do you intend to sign at my position?

- If you don't mind me asking, of the players currently on the roster -- are there any players at my position that intend to take a 5th year/grad year?
- Would you mind me asking how/where you view me in relation to the other players that you are actively recruiting, at my position?

Social Experience

- How difficult is it for your players to balance academics, athletics, and a social experience?
- What is a typical day like for your players? In the fall? In-season?
- How many players on your team play in the summer?
 - Is a player allowed to not play in the summer if they have to work?
- What is there to do on & around campus?
- How many players live on campus vs. off campus?
 - Are players allowed to live off campus?
- How many players stay on campus/in town during the weekend?
- Would you be willing to connect me with a couple of current players in your program?

Affordability & Decision Making

- {If a scholarship-level program} If you don't mind me asking, is there any baseball scholarship \$ still available? If so, how far off is my skillset from earning an athletic scholarship?
- Are there any other scholarships available through the university that you think I may qualify for?
- In your program:
 - Would a player's scholarship ever decrease/be pulled?
 - Could a player's scholarship ever increase?
 - If I were to suffer a season-ending injury – would my scholarship still be honored?
- How long is the scholarship agreement good for? A semester, one year, four years?
- What does the financial aid agreement cover? Housing? Food? Tuition? Books?
- Is there a timeline in place; when would you like me to make a decision by?