

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? No but she's married to an alum & she's from Mississippi

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? No, she's only a recruiter, not an admissions counselor).

Minimums: GPA - 3.34 SAT - 1105 ACT - 24

The typical Honors College freshman achieved approximately a 30 ACT composite score and a 3.8 GPA
Student Athletes need to satisfy the NCAA standards for student-athletes who are full or partial qualifiers under Division I guidelines.

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted? For admissions, it's weighted core. For scholarships, it's weighted cumulative. Grades 9-11

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? No Super score? No

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? N/A

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? Well rounded individuals

Most popular majors at this school: Agriculture, Engineering, VET School, Poultry Science (Poultry Science has a 100% placement rate for graduates.)

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? Yes – Aerospace Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Biological Biomedical Engineering, and Floral Management (part of the Agriculture & Life Sciences College under Horticulture)

Does chosen major affect decision process? Yes – For PGA Golf Management (part of the Business College under Marketing), you must have a handicap of 8 or less. For the Vet School, there is a elite program for the top 25 students

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes, 1000 programs in 80 countries

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes. Internships usually occur over the summer and can be full or part-time. Co-ops are also available in different fields.

Research Opportunities? Yes. Research I University (nationally ranked in research)

Special successes the school is known for: Tradition of ringing of the cow bell dates back to the 1930s. Cowbells must be gifted; it's bad luck if you buy your own.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Yes please see - <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/freshmen/money-matters/#scholarships>

When are scholarship deadlines? Dec 1st

What is the Total cost of Attendance?	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$7,780	\$20,900
Housing & Meal Plan	\$9,418	\$9,418
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$17,198	\$30,318

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? **Seniors: Oct 10th, Oct 24th, and Nov 11th Juniors: March 20th and 27th** Regular visits are available as well www.campusvisit.msstate.edu

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students?

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? **Rolling decisions. Applications go live on August 1st.**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **Only required for Honors College, Engineering and Vet School**

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? **Only for Honor College**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **No**

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions?

Does the school use the Common App? **No** How many applicants are received per year? **10,000**

How much is the application fee? **\$40** Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? **No**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? **Division I SEC**

Are sporting events free? **Yes** Is there a ticket lottery? **No, first come, first served**

Do freshmen live on campus? **Yes** Are cars allowed? **Yes**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? There are some new residence halls with suite style and private bathrooms. They tend to go quickly. Older dorms are hall-style. There are Honors dorms as well as living-learning communities.**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) **300+ clubs, 25 intramural sports**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **3600 freshmen (2015)** Total enrollment? **21,000**

Percentage of male: female – **50% male: 50% female**

Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **24% out-of-state/ 40% of freshmen are from out of state. Students from all 50 states and 75 countries**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **20% 31 Sororities and Fraternities with houses on campus. Rush happens the week before school starts.**

Where is the school located? **Starkville, MS**

How far is it from Milton? **5 hours by car**

Other:

- **19:1 Student to faculty ratio**
- **700 different employers recruited at MSU last year**
- **4200 acre campus**
- **Shared bike system on campus for students to get around**