

Possible questions to ask college coaches:

1. How is the school ranked nationally?
2. Are players required to live somewhere specifically?
3. What are the top sports programs in the school?
4. What is the coach's philosophy concerning academics?
5. What is the sport's graduation rate? All athletes? If the rate is low, why?
6. What's the team's average GPA?
7. What GPA is required to participate?
8. Does the school's GPA requirement vary according to the student's year in school, and if so, how?
9. Does the athletic department have an academic counseling unit?
10. What services does the academic counseling unit offer?
11. How many counselors does the program have?
12. How many sports do the counselors cover?
13. How are student athletes monitored and kept on track for graduation?
14. What learning enhancement programs are offered?
15. Is a computer center available for student athletes?
16. Is early registration offered to athletes every term or only during the season?
17. What accommodations are made to see that student athletes get the classes they need?
18. Is the school years based on quarters or semesters?
19. What are the start and finish dates for the school?
20. What is the placement rate of students graduating in their academic area?
21. How many class days will be missed during the season due to the sports program?
22. Do professors allow tutoring and make up test when the team schedule conflicts with classes?
23. What, if any, is the limit to this allowance?
24. How many students live on campus?
25. Where is the campus located?
26. How is the transportation system?
27. What is the weather like during the Summer? Fall? Winter? Spring?
28. How many scholarships does the program have? Have to offer this year?
29. Does a full scholarship cover full tuition, fees, room and board and books?
30. Does a partial scholarship cover the entire academic year?
31. How much will I have to pay to attend this school?
32. Will the scholarship increase if I prove myself to be an asset to the team?
33. Can I choose the semester in which financial aid will be used?
34. If my family's financial status improves, will my scholarship be cut?
35. If my scholarship covers two semesters, can I lose financial aid if I don't perform as expected?
36. Is there a commitment to fifth year aid?
37. What summer school opportunities are available?
38. How much of my off campus room and board is covered?
39. What must I do to ensure that the scholarship is renewed each year?
40. Can I lose my scholarship due to poor GPA?
41. What are the conditions under which I could lose my scholarship?
42. In what conference does the program compete?
43. Does the conference champion get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament?
44. How many others from the conference have traditionally gone into the championship tournament?
45. How strong is the program nationally?

46. What tournaments has the team been invited to recently?
47. Does the sport have a good reputation on campus?
48. What traditions surround the sport at the college?
49. What's the team's record and ranking over the past 10 year's? During your tenure as coach?
50. Where did they place last season?
51. If there were losing seasons, why? (injuries, young, tough schedule, etc.)
52. How well will the program compete this year?
53. Are they ranked this year?
54. Does the program play a competitive schedule regionally/nationally?
55. What travel opportunities will there be over the next four years?
56. Where has the team compete in the past few years?
57. How many players will be graduating?
58. How does the coach see you fitting in next season?
59. Is the coach promising too much?
60. How many matches might I expect to play in?
61. How do you decide playing time?
62. What are the chances of red shirting?
63. Do freshmen have realistic opportunities to play?
64. How much time per week can I expect to spend in volleyball training activities?
65. What qualities does the coach look for in athletes?
66. What is the financial commitment to the program?
67. Is there a marketing plan to promote the program to nearby areas?
68. What type of media coverage does the program get?
69. Are there general or specific team dress code, behavior or diet demands?
70. Can I play intramural sports?
71. Can I participate in my hobby sports/activities? (such as skiing, sky diving or whatever you like to do in your spare time)