

Talk! This is the most important advice for interviews, according to admissions officers. There is nothing harder on an interviewer than a student who answers every question with one word. It makes admissions people wonder if the student will ever participate in class discussions.

Attend to Etiquette: Arrive on time. Wear nice casual clothes; no jeans or dirty sneakers, flip flops, or anything provocative. Look the interviewer in the eye. Give a firm handshake. The only appropriate cell phone mode is OFF!

How can I tell if a campus is welcoming to Jewish students?

Janet Rosier: Explore the college website. If there is a Hillel or a Jewish Student Organization, contact the directors and ask how welcoming the campus is. If possible, use the college’s Facebook page to connect with current Jewish students and get their takes on the atmosphere. If a synagogue is in the area, ask the local rabbi for his/her opinion of the town, college, and students.

How should I go about choosing a major?

Wendy Kahn: If you’re undecided, relax! Many students go to college without knowing what they want to study, and the majority of college students—even those who thought they had decided—change their majors after exposure to new areas of study. For this and other reasons, the strength of a particular academic program should never be your *only* reason for choosing a school. And unless you’re absolutely certain about a major and a career path, don’t lock yourself into a specialty school where, if you change your mind, you’ll have to transfer.

That said, it’s still a good idea to start exploring possible majors by consulting a college major database. The Rutgers U. College Majors Database (careerservices.rutgers.edu/careerhandouts.shtml) briefly summarizes every major the school offers and describes related occupations, typical employers, and jobs obtained by recent

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