

College Characteristics

Check your preference for each major characteristic in bold. If you have a preference (examples listed below the major heading), write in or circle it. Highlight the 5 most important to you.

Factor	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Comments
Cost public/private avg financial aid award? merit-based scholarships? loan? Campus job?				
Geographic Location distance from home				
Climate snow, rain & cold warm smog				
Campus traditional/modern compact/spread out				
Prestige				
Atmosphere challenging /supportive intense / relaxed intellectual, politically active career oriented				
Surrounding Community urban/suburban/rural mountains/ocean/desert cultural center college town diversity				
Size small <2000 medium 2000-12,000 large > 12.000				
Campus Activities planned activities off campus sports events organizers greeks, dorms, clubs				
Sports Div I, II, III scholarships intramurals				

Social Life commuter? students go home wkends? social or studios?				
Student Body homogenous/heterogenous single sex/coed liberal/conservative tolerant of different lifestyles				
Teaching Style lecture discussion seminar hands-on labs				
Faculty-Student Relations formal / casual familiarity				
Academics specialized professional sch broad liberal arts pgm study abroad changing majors				
Requirements Core curriculum graduation requirements grading system				
Religious Orientation				
Library Resources				
Computer Systems				
Housing availability quality				
Safety				