



# Factors to Consider: Compiling Your College List

Use this valuable tool for research and discuss during the initial phase of compiling your college list. Think about the following criteria and mark the ones that are most important to you in your college search.

## General Criteria

- Distance from home
- Location: Urban, Suburban, Rural
- Cost: Take into consideration financial aid
- Selectivity: % of students admitted to incoming freshman class
- Diversity of student body and/or faculty
- Athletic programs
- Public or private
- Size: Small (under 2,000 students), Medium (under 5,000 students), or Large (more than 5,000 students)
- Safety statistics
- Greek System: Sororities or Fraternities
- Arts and Culture programs on campus

## Academic Programs

- Degrees offered: Associate (2 year), Bachelor (4 year)
- Curriculum requirements
- Study abroad options
- Accelerated programs
- Honors programs
- Academic calendar: Semesters, Trimesters, Summer Classes
- Teaching: Professor or Graduate Students
- Average class size
- Graduation rates
- Support services (writing center, academic advising, computer facilities, study skills center)
- Academic reputation (competitive, supportive, innovative, relaxed)
- Faculty (student/teacher ratio, office hours, diversity, tenured)



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- Academic resources (research opportunities, guest lecturers)

## Campus Services

- Health facilities (medical, dental, hospital, counseling)
- Career center (internships, job placement assistance, graduate school counseling)
- Library
- Residence halls
- Dining facilities
- Academic advising
- Athletic and sporting facilities
- Religious services
- Arts and culture

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