

# How to Choose a College

## Comparison Chart

Factors to Consider	College A	College B	College C
<b>Location</b>			
In State or Out of State			
Distance from Home			
<b>Size</b>			
Total Enrollment Size			
Undergraduate Population			
Campus Size (small vs. large)			
<b>Environment</b>			
Campus Setting (urban, suburban, or rural)			
Geographic Location (near mountains, a coast, or a city)			
<b>Academics</b>			
Majors Available (wide variety, your prospective major)			
Academic Quality and Reputation			
Accreditation			
<b>Overall Cost</b>			
Tuition and Fees			
Room and Board			

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<b>Overall Cost (continued)</b>			
Other Expenses (books, supplies)			
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Gift Aid (scholarships and grants)			
Federal Loan Aid			
True Out-of-Pocket Costs			
<b>Student Support Services</b>			
Tutoring Services			
Writing Center			
Counseling Services (health and wellness programs)			
Career Services			
<b>Campus and Student Life</b>			
Greek Life			
Clubs and Organizations			
Social Scene (art scene, party scene, or outdoor recreation)			
Reputable Athletic Programs (sporting events and games)			
<b>Other Factors</b>			
Things Like the Campus Library, Dining Hall, Gym Facilities, etc.			