

Your Best College Fit

Below are a few of the things to think about while making decisions about the college that is right for you. All the items on this list may not be important to you but many probably will be. You may even have other areas of interest that are not listed here. Use this list to help you as you search for colleges. Check the areas of interest to you and capture ideas and questions on the right or in the notes section below.

Major – Area of Study

- What are you interested in studying? The items listed below are opportunities and services you should investigate when making your decision.
 - Internships / Cooperative Education Programs
 - Career counseling
 - Career / job placement

Type of College

- **Which type of college interests you the most?** What you want to study will sometimes dictate what type of college you will need to consider.
 - 2 year or 4 year**
 - Private or Public**
 - All female or all male**
 - Historically Black**

Size

- **Which college size will help you to feel the most comfortable in order to be successful?**
 - Small, Medium or Large

Location

- **Where do you feel most comfortable and how far away from home do you want to be?**
 - Urban, Suburban and Rural

Student Body Composition

- **Are these areas important to you? Many students use these areas to determine how comfortable they will feel on campus.**
 - Male / Female ratio
 - Racial or ethnic percentages
 - Religious affiliations

Residence Halls (Dorms)

- **Do you want the experience of living on campus? What type of housing is available on or off campus?**
 - Guaranteed (for how long 1 year or all 4 years?)
 - Required (some colleges require freshman to live on campus)
 - Co-ed or Single Sex

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Extracurricular Activities

- **What activities are you involved in now that you might want to continue when you get to college? Or would you like to try something new?**
 - Athletics
 - Clubs, Fraternities and Sororities

Student / Faculty Ratio

- **Do you need personal attention, or can you be successful working around large numbers of students?**
 - How many students to each faculty member?

Facilities

- **What facilities will you need when you get to campus?**
 - Health Care
 - Gym
 - Library facilities and services (important to know for research and studying)

Campus

- **What specifics about the campus will be important to help you make your decision?**
 - Appearance
 - How many campuses (Are shuttle buses needed to get around a large campus)

Nearest Town

- **Is the location of the college important to you?**
 - Relationship with town people
 - How far away is the town from campus? (In case supplies are needed)

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