

College/University Selection: Fit Over Fame = Student Success

Instructions:

1. Think about what is most important to you and the support you want to see from your institution
2. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being the best), rate each section in the blue box based on how well it fits your unique needs.
3. After everything is completed, cross out the colleges that do not have what you are looking for.
4. Repeat this process as many times as needed to narrow your search.
5. Check out our [Beyond the Textbook: Fit Over Fame](#) workshop for details on this worksheet.

College/University Name:	1.	2.	3.
Majors of Study: Which majors are offered to help you achieve your goal?			
Acceptance Rate: What is the acceptance rate of this college?			
Class Size: What is the average class size of the college?			
College Population: Is the college a large, medium, or small institution?			
Tuition Cost: On average, what is the cost of tuition & fees?			
Cost of Living: On average, what is the cost of room & board?			
Distance From Home: How far is the college from home? (for commuters)			
Scholarships: What types of scholarships does the college offer?			
Graduation Rates: What is the average graduation rate of this college?			
Co-curricular Activities: Does clubs & organizations, service-learning opportunities?			
Career Services and Alumni: What career services does the college offer? How strong is their alumni network?			
Interesting Fact: Write one interesting fact about this institution.			

TOTALS:

Why The Categories Above Matter

Cost of Living

The cost of living is important because tuition is a separate expense from rent, food, transportation, and other living necessities.

Distance From Home *(for commuters)*

If you plan to commute to school, make sure the commute is realistic for you and factor in transportation costs.

Scholarships

Scholarship funding varies between institutions and the departments within those institutions. Research what scholarships are available at your top institutions. This is especially important if you expect your financial aid not to cover all costs of attendance/living.

Graduation Rates

Graduation rates reflect an institution's commitment to student success. Compare the graduation rates across different institutions.

Co-curricular Activities

Research shows that students who engage in co-curricular activities are more likely to succeed in their studies and have higher degree completion rates. Top Tip: Start your search with campus clubs and national organizations hosted by your campus.

Career Services and Alumni: Higher education is an investment, one you probably want to see a return on. Career development is how you ensure your education investment pays off big. Make sure you research your institution's career services and explore its alumni network for valuable connections after graduation.

Interesting Fact

When all is said and done, sometimes it really comes down to that extra something the institution offers or is known for. It could be a distinguished professor who is world-renowned in your field, or the financial support your academic department receives, such as grants and scholarships. Considering this extra element could help you make your final decision.

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