

Things to think about in your college search

Location: Distance from home, setting (urban, rural).

Academic rigor, academic facilities, class size, student/faculty ratio.

Selectivity: (most, more, selective, less, least), retention rate, graduation rate, average SATs.

Programs of study: majors, internships/coops, study abroad, ROTC, combined BA/grad degrees, career services.

Type of institution: Public, private, liberal arts, research, undergraduate only, military.

Size

Safety

Diversity of student body: ethnicity, politically, religious, gender, race, international students.

Housing: on/off campus, availability for 4 years, coed/single gender dorms or floors, specialty dorms (substance-free, language, special interest), frat/sorority houses.

Social life: Greek presence, weekend activities.

Extracurricular: sports (varsity, Div I,II,III, JV, club, intramural), drama, radio, band, chorus, orchestra.

Cost: % of students receiving financial aid, scholarships, grants,

Ambience - the “feel” of the campus and the students