

Basic Questions Regarding College Selection

1. **What are the admissions requirements?**

Determine the requirements related to high school academic preparation, rank in class, and which, if any, college entrance exams are required.

2. **What courses of study or fields of specialization are offered by the college?**

Check the college catalog to determine whether or not the college offers the specific course for the degree or major you are seeking. Colleges vary in this respect in many instances.

3. **What is the estimated yearly cost?**

4. **Is the college public or private?**

Public colleges are tax supported and are controlled by the state which supports them. Private colleges are supported by funds received from endowments and tuition. Denominational colleges are church-related and are supported by the denominations they represent.

5. **How far away is it?**

6. **What is its location – urban, rural, suburban?**

7. **Is the college large or small?**

POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF LARGE PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Wider range of areas of instruction
- Greater selection in choice of courses
- More extra-curricular activities and organizations
- Better library and laboratory facilities
- Faculty more widely known and more opportunities for research

POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF SMALL PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- More emphasis on individual guidance
- Smaller classes - easier to become acquainted with your professors
- Competition not so keen in extra-curricular activities
- Opportunity to know fellow classmates better
- Greater likelihood of graduating in four years

8. **What financial aid is available?**

9. **What kinds of housing are available and are there any requirements/restrictions?**

10. **How successful are the graduates at gaining employment after graduation or being admitted to graduate schools?**

College environments differ. Their differences range from size, organizational structure and complexity, to geographical locations, philosophy, and type of educational program. The wide range of college environments provides students with a great opportunity to fit their needs and fields of interest.