



Finding Your College Match: College Comparison Worksheet

(adapted from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education)

Think about what type of school you would like to attend. Would you prefer to go to a big school or small school? Somewhere hot or somewhere cold?

Evaluate each school in the areas listed below and then compare your evaluation.

School Characteristics	College 1	College 2	College 3
Academics			
Class location (on or off campus, online)			
Class scheduling (when classes are held)			
Faculty experience and expertise			
Programs of study (majors and minors)			
Student-to-faculty ratio (class size)			
Admissions			
Admissions or placement tests			
Application forms (school, system, common, online)			
Deadlines (early decision, rolling, open)			
Selectivity (open, liberal, traditional, selective, very selective)			
Total first-year applicants			
→ % accepted			
→ % who actually enrolled			
→ Average GPA of applicants			



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School Characteristics	College 1	College 2	College 3
Campus Environment			
Campus facilities, equipment, and services			
→ Computers and internet access			
→ Food service (cafeterias)			
→ Health care			
→ Housing			
→ Library			
→ Recreational			
→ Transportation (buses, parking)			
Campus Safety			
Campus Setting (urban, suburban, small town, rural)			
Coeducational			
Geographic Location (distance from home)			
Religious Affiliation			
Student Support Services			
Career counseling			
Job placement services			



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School Characteristics	College 1	College 2	College 3
Student Body			
Number of undergraduates enrolled			
→ % of full-time students			
→ % of men and women			
→ % of students 25 and older			
→ % of minority students			
→ % of students from out-of-state			
→ % of international students			
→ % of students who live on campus			
% of students who return the following year			
% of students who graduate			
% of students employed within 1 year			
Student Activities			
Athletic Offerings			
Campus clubs and activities			
Extracurricular organizations and events			
Other Considerations			
Financial Condition			
School Accreditation			



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School Characteristics	College 1	College 2	College 3
Cost			
Application fee			
→ Fee waiver available			
Amount of deposit (after acceptance)			
Total annual cost of attendance			
→ Tuition and fees			
→ Room and board			
→ Other required expenses (books, supplies)			
Financial Aid			
Financial Aid Availability			
→ Grants (participates in federal and/or state grant program?)			
→ Scholarships			
→ Work Study			
→ Loans			
Financial aid deadlines			
Financial aid forms (FAFSA, PROFILE, school)			
% of undergraduate receiving financial aid			
→ Average amount awarded to undergraduates			