

# THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN RESEARCHING COLLEGES

1. Tuition/costs per year in-state/out-of-state? How many credits is this based on? Guaranteed for entire college stay? What is the cost per credit hour? Does this include room and board, required fees, average books/supplies?
2. Opportunities for financial aid and scholarships.
3. Does this College/University have **THE PROGRAM(S)** I plan to pursue?
4. Admission requirements. Application deadline.
  - GPA
  - SAT or ACT – writing portion needed?
  - Recommendation letters
  - Essay
5. Enrollment. How many students apply and how many are accepted in the freshmen class? How long does it take to hear from the admissions office? If wait- listed, when can I expect a response?
6. Affiliations (public or private, religious or not, etc.)
7. Are classes taught by grad students or full professors?
8. Student organizations? Intramural sports?
9. Types of housing? Are freshmen required to live on campus?
10. Are freshmen allowed to have cars on campus? Yearly parking fees? How far is parking from on campus housing?
11. Computer availability? Computer lab hours.
12. Average time to walk from one end of the campus to the other? Security phones accessibility? Campus safety statistics.
13. How would I schedule a campus visit and when is the best time to go? Could I sit in on a class? Can I talk to the professor? Can I spend the night in a dorm?
14. Consider location – large or small town, climate, outside activities such as a movie theatre or bowling alley. Distance from home – trains or buses available?
15. When do I have to make a deposit to hold my spot?

