

# THINGS TO CONSIDER AND IGNORE WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE



Listed below are the important factors to consider as well as what you can ignore when choosing a college.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

- **Academic Majors Available:** Check to see if the colleges on your short list offer the specific major you want.
- **Affordable Cost of Attendance:** Find out up front how much tuition and fees will cost and whether there are different rates for in-state and out-of-state students.
- **Location:** What's your vibe? Choose a school based in an environment where you'll thrive.
- **On-Campus Facilities:** You're going to be spending a lot of time on campus. Research the amenities that will make you comfortable in your new home.
- **Student Activities:** Whatever your interests, find a college that allows you to pursue them.
- **Career Services:** Check to see if a college offers comprehensive career services to help

## THINGS NOT TO CONSIDER

- **Your Friends:** Don't choose a school just because it's where your friends are going.
- **Your Significant Other:** Separate the decisions about your relationship and your future.
- **Your Parents' Expectations:** Make your decision based on your own goals and values.
- **Small Differences in Ranking:** Don't get caught up in the hype of statistics.
- **Winning Sports Teams:** You'll wear your university gear with pride whether the football team wins or loses.
- **Party Culture:** You're going to have a blast in college, even without partying.
- **School Mascot:** Some mascots are weird, but it shouldn't influence your decision.