

College List

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Agenda

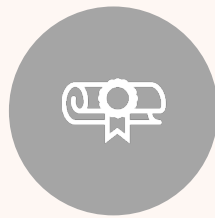
- Factors to consider
- College List Form
- Research, Research, Research



Factors to Consider



FACTOR 1: NUMBER OF
SCHOOLS



FACTOR 2: MAJORS,
PROGRAMS, AND
OPPORTUNITIES



FACTOR 3: COST AND
FINANCIAL AID



FACTOR 4: LOCATION AND
SIZE

Factor 1: Number of Schools

- We typically recommend creating a school list comprised of 8–12 institutions with the following breakdown:
 - 2–3 “safety” schools: A safety school is one where your GPA and test scores exceeds the 75th percentile of admitted students.
 - 4–6 “target” schools: A target school is one where your GPA and test score are somewhere between the 50th and 75th percentile of admitted students.
 - 3 “reach” schools: A reach school is one where your GPA and test score fall between the 25th and 50th percentile of admitted students.
 - (Optional) 1 “far reach” school: A far reach school is one where your GPA and test score place you below the 25th percentile of admitted students. Please note that is highly unlikely that you will get into this far reach school.

CSU vs. UC – Application Fee Waivers

- You will be automatically considered for an application fee waiver based on the information requested on the application. You must fully complete the application before the fee waiver eligibility is determined. You could be eligible for:
 - 4 free UC applications and 4 free CSU Applications
 - Another recommended way to organize your college list is by organizing your "safety", "target" and "reach" schools by:
 - UC
 - CSU
 - Private
 - Out of state
 - Community College
- * All students are recommended to complete a CCCApply application for California Community Colleges.

Factor 2: Majors, programs, and opportunities

- Determine what major is right for you.
 - Specific vs. comprehensive
 - Area of interest
- Do research on the acceptance rates associated with each major or program at your school of choice.
- Consider the following opportunities:
 - clubs, athletics departments, volunteering, community partnerships, disability support programs, and so on.




Factor 3: Cost and financial aid and Factor 4: Location and size

- Don't be thrown off by the sticker price!
 - Fixed vs. Variable cost
 - Most students will not have to pay the full listed prices of college tuition, room and board
- Consider where you'd like to spend four years of your late teens and early 20s
 - Questions you can ask yourself:
 - Do you want to attend school in a big city or rural area?
 - Would you like to live in a cold weather or warm weather setting?
 - How near to your family do you want to be?





Get to know yourself...

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- What do you want from college?
 - Create a wish list
 - What is important to you?
 - Does location, population, or demographics matter to you?
 - Things to consider:
 - Majors and course descriptions
 - Food options
 - Dorm options

BIG College List to small College List

- Start with a list of 10-20 list of college
 - Criteria does not need to be specific
 - Narrow down your choice to 8-12 colleges
 - Criteria should be specific:
 - Is my college major available?
 - Does it have co-ed sports
 - Dorms guaranteed for freshmen?
 - Student-Faculty Ratio
 - Cost of attendance fits my budget



Creating Your College List

I recommend you create an excel sheet with your requirements.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Personal Rank	Name	Population Size	Cost	Location	Location Type	System	GPA Requirments	Student/Professor Ratio	Major/ Minor	Important Info
2	CSUSM	16,053	\$19,146	333 S Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos, CA 92096	Suburban	Semester	3.26	26:1	B.S Psychology, B.A Ethnic Studies, Film Studies (Minor)	
1	UC San Diego	38,736	\$32,370	9500 Gilman Dr, La Jolla, CA 92093	Urban	Quarter	4.08	19:1	B.A Cognitive Sciences, B.S Psychology, Linguistics B.A. - Cognition and Language	https://cogsci.ucsd.edu/undergraduates/major/ba-cogsci.html#Major-Requirements

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Key Terms

- Cost of attendance
- Population
- Rural vs. Urban
- Student-Faculty ratio



What are some
key terms you'll be
including?



Please send your school list to:
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