

Typical Questions that Help You Choose a College

1. Is it a trade school, community college, a 4-year college or a university? What kinds of degrees or certificates do they offer?
2. Will the courses transfer to another college if you change your mind?
3. Do they offer the programs of study that interest you?
4. What grade point average or SAT/ACT scores do you need to be accepted? Do you meet the minimums? Do your grades and test scores fall into the range where students are typically accepted?
5. Will you need to write an essay for admission?
6. How far away from home is it? Where will you live? How will you get there and how often will you be able to come home?
7. Is it in a city, suburban or rural, country setting?
8. If you plan to participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities, do they offer the ones that interest you?
9. Are classes mostly on-line, in large lecture halls or in small classrooms?
10. Are most classes taught by graduate Teaching Assistants or by the actual professors?
11. Do you often need tutoring or other support? If so, do they offer it?
12. Do you need any special services such as note-takers, physical accommodation, interpreters, TDD? How easy will it be to get the help you need?
13. Will you need financial aid to afford it? If so, how much financial aid do they typically offer?
14. What are the admission and financial aid deadlines?