GUIDE FOR COMPARING COLLEGES

http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp . Click: College QuickFinder
This website and your visits can provide the comparison information needed.

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General Information

Name and location of college_____
Family's influence on choice (strong, medium, minor)_____
Date of visit_____
Name of admissions rep. assigned to your HS_____
Public or private_____
Religious affiliation? Required chapel?_____
Miles or hours from home_____
Setting (rural, suburban or city)_____
Residential or commuter campus_____
Safety - on and off-campus (strong, avg., weak)_____
Diversity (wide, medium, narrow)_____
Campus policies (conservative, middle, liberal)_____
Levels: Undergraduate, graduate (one or both)_____
Number of undergraduate students_____
% returning for sophomore year_____
% of students who graduate on time _____

Admissions

Early Decision? Application deadline_____
Early Action? Application deadline_____
Regular Action application deadline_____
% of applicants admitted_____
Avg. (mid-50%) GPA of admitted students_____
Avg. (mid-50%) ACT or SAT of admitted students_____
AP accepted? IB (Internat. Baccalaur.) accepted?_____
CLEP accepted?_____
Homeschooling credits readily accepted?_____

Quality of Education

Freshmen treated like upperclassmen?_____
Ph.D. faculty readily accessible to freshmen?_____
Research opportunities available to freshmen? _____
Most classes taught by discussion? lecture?_____
Systemic skills development: Communication (C), _____
problem-solving (PS), critical thinking (CT)
Personal and career counseling (strong, avg., weak)_____
Services for students with disabilities (strong, avg.)_____

Academic

Your intended major or program_____
Study abroad (SA), Internships (I), Co-op (C)_____
Do you qualify for the Honors program?_____
Residential (living-learning) programs available?_____
Senior Project/Thesis (required, option., not avail.)_____

Cost and Financial Aid

Financial aid priority deadline_____
Total cost (T&F, R&B, Books, Misc.) for first year_____
Do you qualify for Merit or Talent scholarships?_____
Avg. debt at graduation_____
FAFSA? CSS Profile?_____

Housing

Coed: rooms(R), suites(S), floors(F). Single-sex dorms(SS)_____
% of students living in dorms_____
% in fraternities and sororities_____

Other Factors Important to You:

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***Your feeling after visit (great, good, neutral, negative)_____**
***Your emotional ("gut-level") rank-order_____**
***Your analytical rank-order_____**