

CHOOSING A COLLEGE 101



Choosing a College: Things to Consider

- Type of college
 - Public/Private
 - 2 year/ 4 Year
- Size
 - How many students total?
 - Class Size?
- Academic Programs
 - Does it have the major I am interested in?
- Location
 - Close to Home?
- Admission Requirements
 - Do I meet the minimum requirements?



What do you prefer?

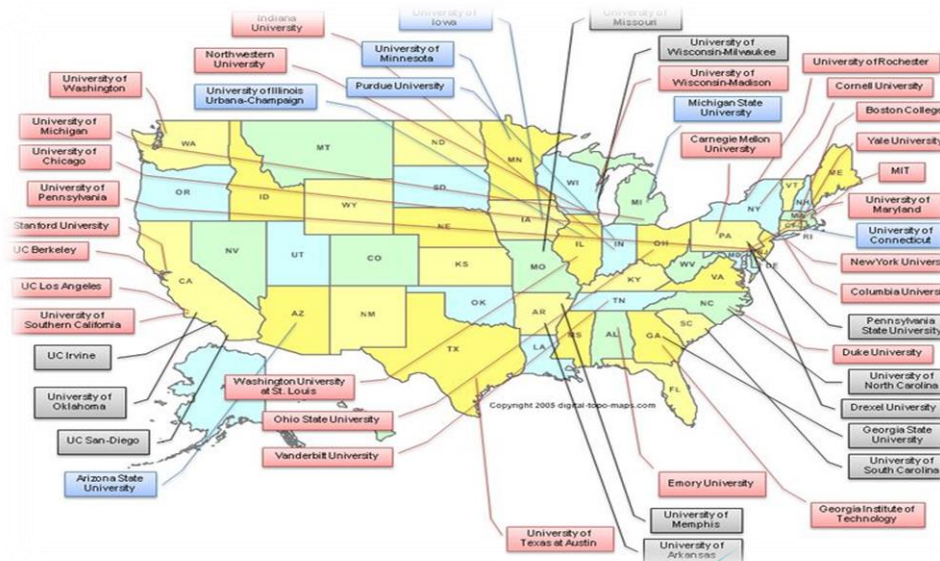


Campus Options



Questions to Consider

- Do you have a specific city or state?
- What is your preference: cold/warm, close to family, far far away from family?
- Is your ideal college minutes, hours, day's drive, a plan flight away from home?
- Is a city, suburb, or a small town preferable?
- Do you want your college close to other colleges?



California State Universities (CSU)



University of California (UC)



More Questions to Consider

- Do you have a career in mind? Major?
- How about other academic areas you want to pursue? Double major?
- How hard are you expecting to work in college?
- Does your ideal college offer academic programs, study abroad, internships, honors, support, etc?
- How important is for you to attend a well-known college?
- Would you prefer a men's college or a women's college?
- Would you prefer a college with religious affiliation?
- Is race/ethnic diversity important to you?



What about Campus life?

- Do you prefer a small college (2,000 students or less), a medium size (up to 8,000 students), or a large university (over 8,000 students)? Why?
- Do you prefer small classes (20 students or less), large classes (50 students), or large classes (up to 200 students)?
- Do you prefer a college that offers admission to undergraduates (Bachelor's Degree) only or a college that offer admission to graduate (Master's Degree) and doctoral (Ph.D.,) students?
- Where are you planning to live: dorms, an apartment, a house, with parent?



College Activities?

Sports

Honor Societies

Clubs

Sororities/Fraternities

Volunteer work



Finances: Paying for College

- Is money influencing your decision?
- Will you apply for financial aid?
 - FAFSA/ Dream Act
 - (Filing Period Oct 1- Mar 2)
- Will you be getting any scholarships?



Financial Aid/ Scholarships

- ▶ FAFSA/ Dream Act (Taxes needed from 2 years prior of admissions application)
 - ▶ Filing Period: Oct 1- Mar 2
 - ▶ Grants, Loans
 - ▶ GPA
- ▶ Scholarships
 - ▶ GPA
 - ▶ Extracurricular Activities
 - ▶ Community Service
 - ▶ MAP Scholarship (CSUSM)

A-G Requirements

- ▶ **A: History/ Social Science: 2 years**
 - ▶ Including 1 Semester of US. History and 1 Semester of U.S. Government
- ▶ **B: English: 4 Years**
- ▶ **C: Mathematics: 3 Years (4 recommended)**
 - ▶ Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Sequence
 - ▶ Math I, II, III Sequence
- ▶ **D: Laboratory Science: 2 years (3 Recommended)**
 - ▶ 1 Physical (Chemistry, Ag, Chem, Physics, Oceanography)
 - ▶ 1 Biological (Biology, Marine Biology, Ag Bio, Human Anatomy & Physiology)
- ▶ **E: LOTE (World Language): 2 Years (3 Recommended)**
 - ▶ Spanish/Spanish for Spanish Speakers
 - ▶ American Sign Language
- ▶ **F: VAPA (Visual/Performing Arts): 1 Year**
- ▶ **G: College Prep Elective: 1 Year**
 - ▶ Extra year of any of A-F Requirements or i.e. Psychology, Sociology, Journalism.

QUESTIONS?