

College Comparison Worksheet

Evaluate each school in the areas listed below and then compare your evaluations.



School Characteristics			
ACADEMICS	School 1	School 2	School3
Class location (on or off campus, online)			
Class scheduling (when classes are held)			
Program of study (majors and minors)			
Student-to-faculty ratio (class size)			
Faculty experience and expertise			
ADMISSIONS			
Admissions or placement tests			
Applications forms (school, common, online)			
Credit for prior learning (i.e. AP classes)			
Deadlines (early decision/action, rolling, open)			
Selectivity (open, liberal, traditional, selective)			
Total first-year applicants			
> % accepted / % who actually enrolled			
> average GPA of applicants			
> average SAT/ACT scores			
CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT			
Campus facilities, equipment, and services			
> computers and internet access			
> food service (cafeterias, etc.)			
> health care			
> housing (on campus/off campus)			
> library			
> recreational			
> sports			
> transportation (parking, buses, etc.)			
Freshman allowed cars			
Campus safety			
Campus setting (urban, suburban, small town, rural)			
Geographic location (distance from home)			
Religious affiliation			
Sororities/Fraternities			

STUDENT BODY	School 1	School 2	School3
Number of undergraduates enrolled			
> % of full-time students			
> % of men and women			
> % of students 25 or older			
> % of minority students			
> % of students from out-of-state/country			
> % of student who live on campus			
% of students who return the following year			
% of students who graduate			
% of graduates employed within one year			
COST			
Application fee			
> fee waiver available?			
Amount of deposit (after acceptance)			
Total annual cost of attendance			
> tuition/fees (if part time/full time)			
> room and board (if part time/full time)			
> meal plan			
> other (books, supplies, labs, etc.)			
FINANCIAL AID			
> grants (federal and/or state programs?)			
> scholarships			
> work study			
> loans			
Financial aid deadline			
Financial aid forms (FAFSA, school, etc.)			
% of undergraduates receiving financial aid			
> average amount awarded			
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS			
Clubs and activities			
Extracurricular activities			
Career counseling available			
Job placement services available			
Tutoring/writing center on campus			
Financial condition of college			
School accreditation			