

12 Tips to Help You Choose Your Right-Fit College



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Revisit what “fit” really means

- Academic programs
- Learning environment (class size, teaching style)
- Culture and location
- Financial sustainability

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Compare your Financial Aid

- Total cost/net price
- Gift aid (grants and scholarships)
- Loans (subsidized vs. unsubsidized)
- Work-study

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Talk about 4 year affordability

- Is merit aid renewable?
- What GPA is required to keep scholarships?
- Is tuition likely to increase?

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Make a structured Pros and Cons list

- Academics
- Campus culture
- Financial impact
- Career preparation
- Campus support services

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Address the fear of choosing wrong

- Transferring is possible.
- Changing majors is common.
- Careers rarely follow a straight line.

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Remove the “outside noise”

Ask yourself:
“If no one else had an opinion, what would I choose?”

7**Revisit campus
(even online)**

- Admitted student days
- Department visits
- Virtual Q&A sessions
- Conversations with current students

8**Explore Academic
Flexibility**

- How easy is it to switch majors?
- Are there exploratory programs?
- Are internships built into the curriculum?

9**Look at Outcomes,
Not Just Offerings**

- Internship placement
- Career services support
- Graduation rates (four- and six-year)
- Alumni networks

10**Discuss Support
Systems**

- Advising structure
- Tutoring availability
- Mental health services
- First-generation student programs

11**Try imagining a
"Day in the Life"**

- Where are you living?
- What does a weekday look like?
- How do you get to class?
- What do you do for fun?

12**Set a Deadline
*before the Deadline***

- Calm final reflection
- Housing deposits and forms
- Reduced last-minute stress

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