

COLLEGE EVALUATION CHART

The “College Evaluation Chart” guides you through organizing and comparing information you have gathered about colleges of interest.

For each of the college selection factors listed, rate each school on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent).

You determine whether a college or university receives a 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 on a particular factor. In other words, a college that you evaluate as a 5 on one factor may receive a 1 on that same factor from someone else. Once you have evaluated each college on the selection factors listed, compare your evaluations of the colleges. You may want to total the rating points each school received.

SELECTION FACTORS				
Academic programs				
Academic atmosphere (competitiveness)				
Student-faculty ratio				
Average class size				
Accessibility of faculty outside of class				
Faculty teaching reputation				
Opportunities for independent study				
Opportunities for internships				
Academic counseling program				
Career counseling program				
Personal counseling program				
Academic facilities (classrooms, labs, etc.)				
Library resources				
Cultural opportunities				
Campus location				
Recreational facilities				
Student health facilities				
Campus security				
Accessibility of transportation				
Opportunities for part-time work				
Opportunities to participate in activities				
Residence halls/college-operated housing				
Entertainment opportunities				
Financial aid assistance				
Cost of attendance				
Graduation rates				
Job placement				
TOTAL POINTS				

Keep in mind that it is unlikely that all of the college selection factors listed will be of equal importance to you. Pay special attention to those you think are most important to your interests and needs.