

College evaluation chart

College names

After you've gathered a lot of information from colleges that interest you, this college evaluation chart can help you put it all in perspective.

For each of the selection factors listed, evaluate each college on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). You decide whether a college or university receives a 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 on each factor, such as location or academic program.

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.

Now, for each factor, compare your evaluations of the colleges. Keep in mind that it's unlikely that all of the college selection factors will be of equal importance to you. Pay special attention to those you think are most important to your interests and needs.

Selection factors

Evaluate each college from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent)

- Academic program and atmosphere
- Student-faculty ratio
- Accessibility of faculty outside of class
- Faculty teaching reputation
- Opportunities for independent study
- Opportunities for international study
- Opportunities for internships
- Academic counseling program
- Career counseling program
- Campus setting and architecture
- Academic facilities (classrooms, labs, practice rooms)
- Availability of computers and Internet access
- Library as a place to study and do research
- Cultural facilities (theaters, galleries, concert halls)
- Opportunities to hear visiting lecturers
- Opportunities to see visiting artists and performers
- Personal counseling program
- Recreational facilities (gyms, tracks, pools, etc.)
- Student health facilities
- Location of campus and surrounding town or city
- Size of student population
- Opportunities for part-time work
- Opportunities to participate in clubs, sports and activities (list all that interest you)
- _____
- _____
- _____
- Residence halls or other types of college housing (special houses, fraternities, sororities, etc.)
- Opportunities for entertainment and social life (movies, concerts, dances, coffee houses, etc.)
- Food
- Other factors of importance to you (list below)
- _____
- _____
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- Beloit
- Carleton
- Coe
- Colorado
- Cornell
- Grinnell
- Knox
- Lake Forest
- Lawrence
- Luther
- Macalester
- Monmouth
- Ripon
- St. Olaf