

What to Consider: Choosing a University

Size

- Small (up to 8,000)
 Medium (9,000 – 20,000)
 Large (over 20,000)

Proximity

- Within an hour's drive
 2 –3 hour drive
 4 – 8 hour drive
 Nearby state
 Distant state

Setting

- Rural/isolated town
 Small town near a city
 Small city
 Medium city/suburb
 Large city

Climate

- Marked seasonal change
 Mostly cool/cold climate
 Mostly warm/hot climate
 Temperate, little change

Academic Programs

- Many majors available
 Focus on group of majors
 Flexible majors

Academic Atmosphere

- Fiercely competitive
 Competitive w/ some support
 Mostly cooperative/supportive

Support Services

- Many programs/generous aid
 Few programs/generous aid
 Essential programs/some aid
 Few programs/some aid

Diversity

- Most students like me
 Some students unlike me
 Many students unlike me
 Most students unlike me

Social Life

- Quiet, mostly academic
 Occasional, small activities
 Frequent, small activities
 Frequent, large activities

Campus

- Open green
 Wooded green
 Mixed green/paved
 Mostly paved

On the other side list your criteria for an ideal campus.

My criteria for the ideal campus:

Size _____
Setting _____
Atmosphere _____
Services _____
Social Life _____

Proximity _____
Climate _____
Programs _____
Diversity _____
Campus _____

The criteria most important to me (in order):

As you conduct research, using catalogs or university web sites, complete the following:

Campuses I am considering:

Criteria that match:

