

# lesson 29: college research

**outcome:** *Identify and research a college that meets your values and goals.*

## deciding factors

**DIRECTIONS:** List your top concerns about choosing a college. Then, prioritize those concerns.

When it comes to choosing a college, I am concerned about:	Why?

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Choosing a college is a big decision. Be sure the colleges you choose meet your values and your goals AND make you feel comfortable. Remember, you are in charge of where you go!

# STUDENT HANDOUT

## My Saved Colleges

Name/Location	Why I like it:	How it fits my values:	How it could help me reach my goals:

## mock college fair planning

**DIRECTIONS:** Take notes in the chart below about the college you've chosen to represent for the event in Lesson 30. Use the school's website to get the information you need.

College name: \_\_\_\_\_ City and state: \_\_\_\_\_

### College Lifestyle Factors

#### COST/TUITION

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$2,500            | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to \$15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 to \$5,000           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 to \$20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 to \$7,500           | <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$20,000        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500 to \$10,000          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEETS MY REQUIREMENT         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT |   |

#### PROGRAM OPTIONS OFFERED

##### Type of College

- Vocational or technical programs that typically last from a few weeks to just under two years
- Associate degree programs which are generally two years and are usually found at two-year colleges
- Bachelor's degree programs which are typically four years in length and can be found at four-year colleges and universities
- Graduate degree programs leading to a Master's or PhD and which generally require an undergraduate degree and a minimum of one year
- MEETS MY REQUIREMENT
- DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT

##### Type of Degree

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificates                 | <input type="checkbox"/> First Professional (Master's) degrees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year Associate degrees     | <input type="checkbox"/> PhDs and Second Professional degrees  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year Bachelor's degrees    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEETS MY REQUIREMENT         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT |  |

Interesting majors: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

##### Geographic Location

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> West                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Midwest   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast                    | <input type="checkbox"/> American Protectorates (Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEETS MY REQUIREMENT         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT |  |

# STUDENT HANDOUT

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## School Setting

- Major city (population 300,000 or more) or within its metropolitan area (approximately 25-mile radius)
- Small/medium city (population 75,000 to 299,999) or within its metropolitan area (approximately 15- to 25-mile radius)
- Large town (population 25,000 to 74,999) or within a 10-mile radius of a large town
- Small town (population 5,000 to 24,999) or within a 5-mile radius of a small town
- Rural community (population under 5,000) or near a rural community
  - MEETS MY REQUIREMENT
  - DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT

Describe the campus environment. What type of student would learn best here? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SOCIAL LIFE

### Size

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra small — under 2,500 students | <input type="checkbox"/> Large — 10,000 to 15,000 students       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small — 2,500 to 5,000 students    | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra large — 15,000 to 20,000 students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medium — 5,000 to 10,000 students  | <input type="checkbox"/> Super-sized — over 20,000 students      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEETS MY REQUIREMENT               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOES NOT MEET MY REQUIREMENT       |  |

What type of students go here? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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What activities would you be able to do here? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OVERALL

Why should your classmates choose this college, in your opinion? \_\_\_\_\_

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