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When choosing a college there are many things that you must consider, such as do they offer the academic program and major or majors that you are interested in.

I have included some of the things that you need to think carefully about and research about the colleges that you are looking at; most of these factors will largely depend on your personal preferences and your personal needs.

Location of College

• Is the school in your country and how far is it away from home

• Is the school a international school and how far away is it from your home

Size of School

• How many students attend the college or university

• How many students are taking your major or majors

• Size of campus

Facilities

• Academic Rating

• Do they offer recreational programs

• Do they have entertainment on property or close by

Housing

• Does the college or university offer on campus housing

• Is there campus housing open now

• What types of housing

• Size of housing

• Is it single or do you have to have a room mate

• Do they offer food plans

Activities

• What types of clubs or organizations are available on campus

• What sororities or fraternities are on campus

• Are there athletics on campus

• Are there activities that I would like available

Academics

- â€¢ What majors are offered
- â€¢ What are the special requirements for that major
- â€¢ Is the college or university accredited
- â€¢ What is the student to teacher ratio
- â€¢ What is the normal class size

Environment

- â€¢ What type of college or university, is it a 2 year or 4 year school
- â€¢ What part of the country is it, is it a rural or urban area
- â€¢ Is it close to a city where you can enjoy some sites or relaxation
- â€¢ Is the school coed or male or female school
- â€¢ Is it a private or public college or university

Admission Requirements

- â€¢ When is the deadline to apply
- â€¢ What test are required
- â€¢ What are the average test scores, GPA, or rank needed to apply
- â€¢ Are there special requirements

College Expenses

- â€¢ What is the tuition and room and board if living on campus
- â€¢ Cost of room and board and transportation if living off campus
- â€¢ Estimated budget
- â€¢ What are the application fees and deposits

Financial Requirements or Financial Aid

- â€¢ How much money do I need to attend this college or university
- â€¢ How will I pay for college
- â€¢ What type of financial aid is available
- â€¢ What are the proper forms and how do I fill them out
- â€¢ Is there scholarships available
- â€¢ Is there part time employment opportunities on campus

Campus Visits

- â€¢ Will I be able to visit the campus
- â€¢ Do they have a good website that shows the campus
- â€¢ Meet the students and professors
- â€¢ Go to the campus when it is in session

These are just a few of the questions you should and will be asking of yourself during your search of your college education.

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