

COLLEGE RESEARCH CHECKLIST

The college search process should begin with some serious thought as to what you feel is important in a college. Please consider the following characteristics prior to meeting with your college counselor or college representatives.

Characteristics	Preferences
1. LOCATION	Proximity to home or family members. Setting (city, suburban, rural). Weather. Transportation considerations.
2. SIZE	Total # of students. Average size of classes. Large lecture classes.
3. STUDENT BODY	Diversity (ethnic, cultural, geographic, economic). How many students from Hawai'i? Open and friendly atmosphere. Conservative, liberal, or middle-of-the-road. Retention rate.
4. ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT	Admissions selectivity. Academic atmosphere. Availability of academic support. Availability of Honors program.
5. RESIDENTIAL LIFE	Freshman housing requirements. Availability of housing for freshmen. Coed or all male/all female. # of students per room. Bathroom location. Weekends: available activities. Food quality & options.
6. CAMPUS LIFE	Athletics: Intercollegiate (NCAA,NAIA), Intramurals. Clubs and Organizations. Entertainment on and off campus. Fraternities and Sororities ("Greek Life"). Orientation and activities for new students.
7. CURRICULUM	Majors offered. Percentage of students graduating in 4 years. Study abroad opportunities. Internship opportunities.
8. FACULTY	Who teaches classes (professors or TA's)? Education level of faculty. Faculty/Student relationships: formal or friendly. -accessibility of faculty, availability of. -personalized attention.
9. CAMPUS SITE	Safety of area surrounding campus. What is located within walking distance? On-campus facilities: types and condition.
10. SUPPORT SERVICES	Availability of health care. Availability of academic advising and tutoring. Availability of personal counseling. Availability of career counseling.
11. COST	Public: in-state or out-of-state resident. Private. Availability of financial aid and scholarships. Total cost: tuition, room & board (food), books, clothing, travel, entertainment.