

College Comparison Worksheet

Evaluate each school in the areas listed below and then compare your evaluations.

MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF
HIGHER
EDUCATION

reach higher

School Characteristics

ACADEMICS	School 1	School 2	School 3
Class location (on or off campus, online)			
Class scheduling (when classes are held)			
Faculty experience and expertise			
Programs of study (majors and minors)			
Student-to-faculty ratio (class size)			
ADMISSIONS	School 1	School 2	School 3
Admissions or placement tests			
Applications forms (school, system, common, online)			
Credit for prior learning*			
Deadlines (early decision, early action, rolling, open)			
Selectivity (open, liberal, traditional, selective, very selective)			
Total first-year applicants			
> % accepted			
> % who actually enrolled			
> Average GPA of applicants			
CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT	School 1	School 2	School 3
Campus facilities, equipment and services			
> Computers and Internet access			
> Food service (cafeterias)			
> Health care			
> Housing			
> Library			
> Recreational			
> Transportation (parking, buses, etc.)			
Campus safety			
Campus setting (urban, suburban, small town, rural)			
Coeducational			
Geographic location (distance from home)			
Religious affiliation			

* Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Postsecondary Enrollment Options, College in the Schools, College-Level Exam Program

STUDENT BODY	School 1	School 2	School 3
Number of undergraduates enrolled			
> % of full-time students			
> % of men and women			
> % of students 25 or older			
> % of minority students			
> % of students from out-of-state			
> % of international students			
> % of student who live on campus			
% of students who return the following year			
% of students who graduate			
% of graduates employed within one year			
COST	School 1	School 2	School 3
Application fee			
> Fee waiver available?			
Amount of deposit (after acceptance)			
Total annual cost of attendance			
> Tuition and fees			
> Room and board			
> Other required expenses (books, supplies)			
FINANCIAL AID	School 1	School 2	School 3
Financial aid availability			
> Grants (participates in federal and/or state grant program?)			
> Scholarships			
> Work study			
> Loans			
Financial aid deadline			
Financial aid forms (FAFSA, PROFILE, school)			
% of undergraduates receiving financial aid			
> Average amount awarded to undergraduates			
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	School 1	School 2	School 3
Athletic offerings			
Campus clubs and activities			
Extracurricular organizations and events			
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	School 1	School 2	School 3
Career counseling			
Job placement services			
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS	School 1	School 2	School 3
Financial condition			
School accreditation			