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Adelphi University

Garden City, New York

Adelphi is located in a suburb on Long Island just minutes from Manhattan, offering urban life without living right in the city. Their most popular majors are Business Management, Nursing, Psychology, Phys Ed., and Biology. They also have an honors college. The academic climate is said to be challenging, but not cutthroat. It is known to be a pretty laid back university, and though the courses do challenge students, they are not competitive. Professors are very knowledgeable and always available to help students during office hours. They have a very unique and diverse selection of food at their dining halls. There are six residence halls, where freshmen and sophomores get first priority for housing. There is a great social environment on campus, with events like parties, casino nights, and poetry contests going on each week. There are over 70 clubs and organizations. Greek organizations are active, though only a small percentage of the student body participates. There are students at Adelphi of many different cultural heritages, backgrounds, and from different areas of the world.

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Agnes Scott College

Decatur, Georgia

Though Agnes Scott is growing, it still has a small enrollment of just 860 students. It is an all women's college that allows students the seclusion of Decatur combined with access to the city life of Atlanta. Agnes Scott sits on a one hundred acre campus with Gothic and Victorian buildings surrounded by gardens. They have a very strong alumni support network, and a very nice sized endowment. It is said that a woman will learn more here than anywhere else. Their strongest programs are in Astrophysics, Biology, Math, German, Psychology, Economics, and English. One third of students study science; the college has phenomenal programs with great research opportunities for undergraduates. The Center for Disease Control is located in Atlanta, so there are great opportunities for student research there. All students are guaranteed an internship. Agnes Scott has a writing rich curriculum, even in the math department. Twenty percent of student's cross-register at other Atlanta colleges. The college is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, so students must take one course in religion or philosophical thought. The coursework is challenging, but it is said that the teachers make it easy to comprehend. Over 90% of the students live in campus dorms, which are linked by tree lined brick walls. Because students are not allowed to move off campus, which is full of traditions, there is a strong sense of campus community. The bulk of the socializing takes place off campus in it's very upscale suburban section of Atlanta. The four best qualities of Agnes Scott are relationships, the Atlanta Classroom, the marketability of the degree, and the quality of the curriculum. Schools with overlapping applicants are Duke, Emory, Davidson, UVA, and Georgia.

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University of Akron

Akron, Ohio

There are 24,000 students at the University of Akron but only ten percent live on campus. This commuter school is state of the art, with beautiful facilities and lots of green space. Top

majors are Business, Nursing, Engineering and Communications. The city of Akron is the rubber capital of the world. They offer an accelerated medical school with the Northeast Ohio College of Medicine. The student center is tremendous. They have a pool hall with fifteen tables, an eight lane bowling alley, Blockbuster, and Barnes and Noble. On average, class sizes range from 20 and 30 students. It is a non-selective school; there is open enrollment if you have a 2.4 GPA out of high school. This is a very good university for a public school student who wants to keep costs low.

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Albany College of Pharmacy

Albany, New York

Eighty percent of Albany's students are from New York State. Students are usually serious and goal oriented. At Albany, students are introduced to all options in pharmacy and not just retail pharmacy. There are no teaching assistants. The faculty members are young and energetic. Albany's cost of attendance is relatively low compared to other pharmacy schools because they don't offer as many scholarships or discounted tuition. There is not a lot of school spirit around sports. Socially, students get together with students from other colleges in the area. (SUNY Albany, St. Rose and RPI.) Academic advising at ACP is very proactive. Community service is a big component of student involvement. They are one of the top pharmacy schools in the country for undergraduate research opportunities. Students attend pharmacy research conferences regularly. The president of the college has an open door policy. In addition to the six year pharmacy degree, they offer a four year program which prepares students for med school, an MBA and a law school. If students go through the six year Pharm. D. program, they have a very good chance of getting into Albany law school. They offer a masters program in health systems management and students can get an MBA at Union College. If students are accepted into Albany College of Pharmacy they can automatically transfer to Union College. They offer an accelerated medical school agreement with Albany College of Medicine, it is very competitive however. There are roughly 700 students at ACP. The six year pharmacy program is guaranteed to all freshman, unlike other universities where students have to reapply into the four year pharmacy phase after two years. The school also offers a four year pharmaceutical science degree. The curriculum is flexible enough to accept transfers from other science programs until the third year, in order to pursue an accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy degree. The school is located in University Heights. They have a new gymnasium, a recently renovated library and a new dorm. Roughly 90 percent of graduates go into retail pharmacy. They have a career day which features almost as many employers as there are graduates.

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Albertson College

Caldwell, Indiana

Albertson College is a small liberal arts college offering small classes in a small town. There are only 800 students. The atmosphere is calm and serene, but the state capitol (Boise) is just a quick drive away. The academic schedule runs on twelve-week semesters during spring and fall, with a six week winter session that students can participate in research, intern, volunteer, or travel abroad during. Biology, Business, Psychology, English, and Political Science are the

most popular majors, and the Pre-Med, Pre-Vet, and Pre-Law are also strong. They also have a great international program which allows students to travel abroad to experience the culture, attend a foreign university, or take international courses on campus.

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Albion College

Albion, Michigan

Located in a small town with a student population of just over 1500, Albion's motto is "Liberal Arts at Work". Albion places a huge emphasis on the importance classroom learning combined with hands on experience. The social aspect of the campus is close knit, which students thoroughly enjoy. Each student is offered personal attention in all aspects of their education, from teachers and student life to internships and job opportunities. Their most popular areas of study are Economics and Business, Public Service, Environmental Studies, Pre-Med and Pre-Law. Traditions on campus are strong, with annual events like the Briton Bash which gets students familiar with clubs and organizations. The Day of Woden is a yearly last day of classes' party. Road trips are a big part of weekend student life. About 40% of students belong to the campus' 13 fraternities and sororities, and they are a huge part of the social life for both Greek and non-Greek students. Albion is known for its small campus with friendly students, a caring faculty, and kind staff members.

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Alfred University

Alfred, New York

Located in Western NY, this university is quite diverse in its offerings, with programs in Ceramics, Art and Design, Engineering, and Business. It is known as an 'educational village' in a small town. The town does not have much to offer in terms of its social life, as there are no malls, sky scrapers, or vast parking lots. The students are serious about their education. The campus atmosphere is known to be relaxed, but the courses are still rigorous. Students are known as being "extremely down to earth, individualistic, accepting, and friendly." Alfred shares its small college town with the students of Alfred State University, so students dominate the town, making it a good college atmosphere.

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Alma College

Alma, Michigan

This college is primarily populated by in-state students. The mission of Alma College is to prepare students to think critically and serve others. Most of the buildings have been renovated in recent years. Few classes at Alma are considered easy, as the academic climate is known to be rigorous. While the campus is not very diverse, they do have great study abroad opportunities. Alma has strong programs in Business Administration, Education, Biology, History, Psychology, Exercise and Health Science, Music, and Sociology and Anthropology. Students say there isn't much to do on campus, but there is a college town just fifteen minutes away that offers plenty to keep them busy.

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Alverno College

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Alverno is known as a practical, hands-on college, where students are evaluated on what they can do and not what they can memorize. An all women's college, it is best in its pre-professional programs. The most popular programs are in the Health Professions, Business, and Communications. It is located in a quiet, well-kept residential area, with downtown Milwaukee just fifteen minutes away. The student body is very diverse in religion, age, and ethnic background. They have Division III athletics for the women to participate in, with strong programs in basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, and cross-country. Alverno is a very liberal campus with plenty of open-minded people.

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Amherst College

Amherst, Massachusetts

Often compared to Williams, Middlebury, and Colby, Amherst is home to students who are well-rounded, super-achieving, and athletic. With a small student population (appx. 1600), it's located on 1,000 acres with a wildlife sanctuary and a forest among the residential and academic buildings. The Amherst area is home to UMASS, Smith, and Mount Holyoke, making it a great college town. The most popular majors are English, Economics, Psychology, Law, and Political Science. Approximately 1/3 of students pursue a double major, and some even go for a triple. The student body is open, motivated, and approachable. The social life on campus is varied, so no matter what your interests, there is always something to do. The students are also quite diverse, with one third of the student body being non-Caucasian. Sports on campus are taken very seriously at both the varsity and intramural level. They are Division III, but their strong baseball team takes on Division I opponents as well.

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Antioch College

Yellow Springs, Ohio

Antioch College is a great place for the outspoken and independent students who thrive with a non-traditional education. Students often discuss feminism, gay rights, and nuclear proliferation, and are often found debating or protesting. Known for their unique co-op program, students can study Buddhism in India or work for a Fortune 500 company. The first year focuses on coursework, while co-op takes place afterwards. Classes are no larger than 20 students, so class participation is expected. They are encouraged to speak their mind, as the issues on campus are influenced by the national issues that our country faces. Their strongest program is Cultural and Interdisciplinary Studies. Enrollment at Antioch is just under 500 students. Diversity is a given on campus, and there are no Greek organizations to participate in. Social life in the town isn't great, but students make up for it when they experience co-op.

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Arcadia University

Glenside, Pennsylvania

Arcadia is a small, private liberal arts college with approximately 1700 students. It is close to Philadelphia, a great college city. Arcadia offers an interesting mix of interdisciplinary arts

and sciences along with specialized majors such as Criminal Justice and Health Administration. 75 percent of students live on campus. The campus itself is only 55 acres, but very nice and stately. The school can best be described as feeling like a New England liberal arts and science college, with a twenty minute train ride to a big city. The Prussia Mall is five minutes away. One of the most unique features of the school is their strength in international exchange programs; students can study abroad their first semester. Arcadia has one of the best study abroad programs in the country. Students can be described as very nice Midwestern, and focused on their academics.

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University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

The University of Arizona has an enrollment of about 35,000 students, warm temperatures, palm trees, and desert. Most students can be found relaxing on the campus mall, a grassy area in the middle of campus where students gather between classes. With three new dorms opening up in recent years, housing is no longer a huge issue for students, although many still choose to live off campus. Among their strongest programs are Management Information Systems, Nursing, Astronomy, Pharmacy, Creative Writing, and Aerospace Engineering. Their Division I football and baseball teams enjoy national recognition and also bring in lots of funding for other men's and women's sports teams. Athletics are a huge source of entertainment for students on the weekends. Professors deliver the necessary coursework to the students, while still offering fun and laid back classes. Students describe their peers as go getters who are full of school spirit. Application standards have gotten tougher over the past few years, particularly for out-of-stater students. Traditions are strong on campus, namely the Spring Fling, which is possibly the largest student run carnival in the country.

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Arizona State University

Tempe, Arizona

ASU is the Southwest's largest university, with a combined undergraduate and graduate student body of over 50,000 students! Focusing on a major or activity is important to avoid getting lost in the crowd. There are eight undergraduate schools with plenty of choices. Among their strong programs, the most notable are Business, History, Psychology, Geology, Anthropology, Music, Landscape Architecture, and Accounting. Students say that ASU is competitive enough to drive excellence in its students, but laid back enough to be able to relax. Over thirty percent of students have minority or international backgrounds, and one in three students are from outside Arizona. The best academic program is within their honors college, which offers the intellectual stimulation and individual attention of a small liberal arts college at a large research university. ASU's Division I athletics are consistently ranked among the nations best, as the baseball team has made eight consecutive trips to the NCAA tournament. Women's track and field is also strong. The quality of life and social life are great.

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University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, Arkansas

Though traditionally strong in agriculture, the University of Arkansas has developed strong programs in Business, Engineering, and other professional fields. With over 17,000 students enrolled, graduate students often teach undergraduate courses, which students seem to enjoy. They say that the graduate students can often relate better to them than the professors can. The campus is nestled among mountains, lakes and streams of the Ozarks, and the community is friendly and safe. The climate allows for many recreational opportunities. Students come from many nationalities, states, and backgrounds, so diversity is prevalent. Greek life is strong on campus, and with 30% of the men and women participating, it is said to be the main source for a social life on the weekends. School spirit is strong, and students say that their section of the field at games is always packed, so you must arrive early to get a decent seat. U of A is said to boast fun-loving and free spirited, friendly students, with a great blend of southern hospitality.

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The University of the Arts

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

U of A is a private Art University offering a wide variety of majors in Visual and Performing Arts and Communications. (Ballet, writing, voice performance, media arts, multimedia, graphic design, dance education, theater design, musical theater to name a few) All professors also work in their field, providing the student with great contacts. The school is located in a very safe area down the street from Symphony hall in a great college city. Their College of Dance is one of the largest in the United States. The school runs their own independent theater company. The facilities are very clean and updated. Dorms are located within very close proximity of the academic buildings even though there is not a central campus. An escort van is also available. There is no meal plan offered, though the dorms have kitchens. There is a core curriculum required consisting of liberal arts and science classes, helping students across academic disciplines connect to one another. The university offers the intensity of a conservatory without limiting students from exploring other academic areas. They encourage students to learn from other arts during their four years. The core consists of one third of courses in a major, one third out of major, and one third liberal arts. There are also lots of student clubs and organizations.

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Assumption College

Worcester, Massachusetts

Assumption College is located in Worcester, MA, in a nice suburb setting. Worcester however is known as an industrial city. The campus is spacious, and similar in social structure to many of the other midsized Catholic New England Colleges. Assumption is not as selective as schools like Providence or Stonehill College, and it has more of a regional attraction rather than drawing students from all over the country. Assumption is part of the Worcester Consortium, allowing their students the ability to take courses at all of the colleges in the Consortium. It has a traditional Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum, with specializations in Business and Economics. Assumption is known for its good academics, Catholic values and great social environment.

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Augsburg College

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Augsburg is a regional school, with mostly local students. The music therapy program is very interesting. Music exists all over campus and is integrated into the curriculum. Augsburg offers a very unique Medieval Studies program. Strong programs include Modern Languages, Business, Theater, Music Business, among many others. Fifty percent of students cross register at other Minneapolis schools, and the same percentage live on campus. The study body is socially conscious. Minneapolis is known for its performing arts.

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Austin College

Sherman, Texas

This strong college combines liberal arts with great programs in Business, Education, and the Health professions. Just an hour away from Dallas, Austin is a small, friendly institution where students know their professors personally and have a wide variety of majors to choose from. The courses are fairly rigorous, but not so much that students are unable to handle them. Students here must complete a major and a minor, or a double major to graduate. The dorms are well kept and students are guaranteed housing for the first three years. Students that attend Austin are said to be academically driven, and 90% of them are from Texas. Their five year teaching program allows students to graduate with both a bachelors and a master's degree. Students enjoy Austin because it is small and comfortable. The professors are said to be approachable and helpful.

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Babson College

Babson Park, MA

Babson College is often compared to Bryant and Bentley College, all among New England's top business schools. Babson lends itself as the most intellectual of the three in terms of its student population, and the students here seem more "sophisticated" and global. The campus is beautiful and located in Wellesley, MA in an affluent Boston Suburb. The curriculum is very rigorous, with only one major, Business Administration. 50% of the major is core liberal arts and sciences, and students then specialize in various parts of the business process. The curriculum is very writing and reading rich, uncommon for business schools. Babson relies on the case study approach, which is more typically used in MBA programs, polishing presentation skills. The student body is an athletic, energetic, wealthy, diverse crowd. Students can receive funding to run their own business, so it is a good fit for an entrepreneurial student. Profits from the student-run businesses go directly to charity. There are no courses on Fridays, as Fridays are dedicated to internships. They are part of a Consortium, allowing students to take up to 12 credits from other schools that participate. Approximately 20 minutes outside of Boston, Babson has a very selective admissions process. Babson is said to be tougher to get into now than at any other time in its history. Many of the students are perfectionists, and far from easily satisfied. Babson will guarantee housing for all four years, with 83% of its undergraduate students living on campus.

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Bard College

Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Known as a non-traditional liberal arts college, Bard combines individuality with rigorous academics. Everyone on campus is trying to be different; it is even said that students at Bard march to the beat of their own drum, but when they get to Bard, they aren't as unique because the whole student body is unique. Students here quickly learn who the good professors are, and rush to get into their classes. Their strongest programs are Political Science, Economics, Human Rights, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, and Literature and Languages. Freshmen have a three week workshop to attend before classes even start. At the end of their second year, students write their educational autobiography and declare their major. 1/3 of the students get involved in intramural sports, such as floor hockey, bowling, and table tennis.

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Bates College

Lewiston, Maine

Often compared to Bowdoin and Colby, Bates is the more intellectual of the three. Students have a pure love for learning and want to make an impact on the world. Bates attracts a more independent, liberal minded student than the other two. The college has a very flexible curriculum, with not as many required courses. It is a comfortable, lived in campus, but not as pristine as Bowdoin or Colby. Bates also has a less socially competitive student body. 40% of the students live in dorms which are comprised of Victorian Homes and traditional dorms. Students have an easy commute to Freeport and Portland for city life and shopping. There is only one dining hall on campus, which helps students get to know each other. Bates was founded on Egalitarian principles, and was the first co-ed liberal arts college in the country. Students are generally laid back, and get along very easily. Athletics are not as important at Bates as they are at Bowdoin and Colby. Bates is one of the top schools in the country for their study abroad programs. Writing is heavy in the curriculum at Bates, and it is not uncommon for students to do six papers a week. The students are open and friendly with a lot of school spirit. It is also a politically active student body. It is not a preppy or cliquy student body. There is a great sense of community. The classes are very small and it is easy to do a self designed major. Most of the students do not have to declare a major until junior year. There are a lot of cross cultural opportunities. It is located in Lewiston, which is an industrial city, not a college town. This location serves as an opportunity for students to do fieldwork or internships throughout their college career. There is no Greek life on campus.

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Baylor University

Waco, Texas

Baylor is home to a very enthusiastic 13,000 students from all over the United States and 70 countries. The typical student is “work hard, play hard,” gets involved, and easily makes friends. The student body is very competent academically and socially. Classes are said to be on the small side. They offer over 150 majors and numerous honors programs. Pre-med, Engineering, Psychology, Telecommunications, Media, Education, Bio-infomatics are the strongest. There is a very selective early medical school program with the Baylor College of

Medicine. A walk across campus takes approximately ten minutes. The campus grounds are beautiful. 25 percent of the student population is minority. The dorms are not coed but there is not a curfew. Two religion courses are required during the four years. Baylor has Baptist roots, though only 40 percent of students are. The campus is very friendly, with a family atmosphere but not so much that students are hand held. Despite the mid-sized campus, facilities feel like that of a much larger university. Adjacent to campus are 200 bike trails, restaurants, and a theater; everything a large city offers but on a small scale. There is a very strong welcoming initiative to help freshman adjust to college life. Approximately 1000 upperclassmen come back a week early to help the freshman move into dorms.

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Becker College

Worcester, Massachusetts

Becker College started as a junior college and transitioned to a 4-year college. It is situated in a nice quaint neighborhood with nice facilities and pleasant students. Their focus is on specialized majors and a personalized education. It has two separate campuses located in the neighborhoods of Leicester and Worcester. Students at the Worcester campus use the Leicester High School for its athletic facilities. The dormitories are Victorian homes with 20-40 students in each, and the campus has 24/7 security. Students with a 3.5 GPA and at least an 1100 on the SAT Math/Reading scale are eligible for merit scholarships. The new president of Becker College has new initiatives for more fundraising, giving the opportunity for upgrades and new buildings on campus. This college does not have an institutional feel, and has a good quality dining hall and student services center, and 50% of the students take advantage of the Academic Support Services. Freshmen are allowed to have cars on campus. Famous alumnae include the previous CEO of Southwest Airlines. 25% of Associate degree students move on to attain four year degrees.

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Bennington College

Bennington, Vermont

Bennington is known for a variety of programs and providing great attention to every student. The arts programs rely heavily on faculty who have had and currently have practice in their fields. Students are known as “a crazy bunch of absolute geniuses”. It is located in a rural town, with just around 700 students enrolled. Bennington focuses on learning by doing, so there is an emphasis on field work and personal relationships with professors. The campus was at one time an active dairy farm, with converted barn houses as the main classroom and admin spaces. Each student designs their own major, while there are academic requirements, including an internship in the field of interest and a location of the students’ choice. The strongest majors are that of Literature, Writing, Visual arts, Drama, Music, Dance, and the Sciences. Students live in actual houses, and the town of Bennington is quaint, with some coffee shops, specialty shops, and a few grocery stores. Students there say that the typical students prefer to go to a dance performance or poetry reading than to play sports.

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Bentley College

Waltham, Massachusetts

Bentley is a private college, most well known for its business programs. Finance, marketing, business and accounting are among the strongest. Though Bentley offers majors outside the business spectrum, the vast majority of the college's 4,000 students stay within the field. Students here receive a nontraditional education from professors; many are not necessarily teachers but successful business people, very knowledgeable in the field. Professors genuinely care about their students and want to see them succeed. Students should expect to participate in lots of group work, as it is standard in most classes. Students here are ambitious and motivated, but tend to be cliquey. The student body is mostly white and wealthy, though African American students are highly respected and very active in the campus community. Politically, the campus is mostly conservative; the Republican Club has a strong presence on campus. Bentley offers Division II athletics, club sports and intramurals. Field hockey, men's and women's rugby, and women's basketball have been the most successful teams. Typically, Greek organizations have served a mainly social purpose; none of the ten organizations offer official housing. Bentley lacks any serious crime, as the campus police have a strong presence. The campus' proximity to Boston allows students to experience city life. Bentley combines state-of-the-art technology with top notch professors to provide students with the best business education available.

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Birmingham-Southern College

Birmingham, Alabama

Birmingham-Southern is one of the Deep South's best liberal arts colleges. The majority of the students are from Alabama and the surrounding states. The course-load is fairly rigorous due to the fact that it requires a lot of critical thinking and writing skills. More than half of the student body participates in community service activities, as well as having active memberships in fraternities and sororities. The strongest programs are Biology, English, Business, Humanities, and Psychology. The college has been taking steps in recent years to diversify it self. Merit scholarships are offered to 83% of students with an average package of over \$11,000. Students at BSC are focused on academics, but are able to balance it with community services and active social scenes. Classes are small, the faculty is caring, and the academic offerings are broadening by the year.

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Boston College

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Boston College is known as the quintessential college with a beautiful campus in a great college city. An undergraduate enrollment of about 9,000 students (not too large or small) it is located in Boston, MA but just outside of the urban area and in a nice affluent neighborhood." It has access to the "T" transportation to take students right into Boston. BC enjoys Division I sports enthusiasm and their teams are nationally recognized. Because of these attributes BC is one of the most popular and selective schools. Their admission selectivity surpasses their academics as far as the intellectual environment and rigor. The Arts and Sciences are the most selective majors in terms of Admissions. Boston College is a Jesuit school, but while it is Catholic, it is not as traditional as a Roman Catholic school. When students are accepted, they are notified whether they will receive guaranteed housing for three or four years. Those only receiving guaranteed housing for three years may choose to live off

campus or travel abroad in their senior year. The Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics departments are the most important because they set the tone on campus because they encourage the student body to be and remain open minded. The student body is not very diverse, seeming upper middle to upper class Caucasian with more conservative/mainstream values. Intramural sports are huge at BC. As for varsity athletics, strong competition in the Atlantic Coast Conference makes them rivals with Duke, Miami, Florida State, Virginia Tech, etc. BC overlaps with Georgetown, Harvard, Yale, Notre Dame, Penn, and BU. Boston College's mission is to educate skilled, knowledgeable, and responsible leaders within each new generation.

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Boston University

Boston, Massachusetts

This is one of the nation's largest private universities. With an enrollment of almost 30,000 students, diversity is present, but is less focused on ethnicity than on personal backgrounds, political views, and social class. The top programs are Communications, Management, Biomedical Engineering, Natural Sciences, Psychology, International Relations, and Fine Art. The options for housing at BU are varied, from dorms to suites to apartments. However, they are on a lottery system, so many students do not end up with their first choice for housing. Many of the BU students live in campus housing which is guaranteed for 4 years and gets better as the students progress. There are more than 450 student clubs and organizations, and social life is spent half on campus and half in the city. Fenway Park, downtown Boston, Landsdowne Street, and Boston Common are all within walking distance of the college. It is known as a great place with lots of academic and social opportunities, but is not the place for a timid student. It does not provide a strong sense of cohesive community, but rather provides opportunities for students to create it.

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Bowdoin College

Brunswick, Maine

Bowdoin's students are a nice hybrid between Colby and Bates in terms of socioeconomic and political values and athletics. It is also ranked with Amherst, Williams, and Wesleyan for liberal arts excellence, and is a test optional school. Bowdoin has strong science programs, and outdoor enthusiasts love the proximity to the East Coast beaches (though students are not there in the summer typically). Students say that the good food and friendships across all ethnicities and classes help make campus a warm and friendly place to be. The 205 acre campus is in Maine's largest town. Its strongest programs are in the Natural Sciences, the Classics, German, Anthropology, Economics, English, Government, and Environmental Studies. There has recently been an increase in service learning, with almost 60% of students applying their classroom work to real world problems facing local community groups. Students at Bowdoin are known to work hard and be independently driven. 75% of freshmen complete a pre-orientation hiking, canoeing, or sea kayaking trip, which teaches them about the people and landscape of Maine. 87% of students are from out of state, and most are hardworking and fun-loving athletes. Since Greek life has been phased out, social life at Bowdoin centers around two groups: sports teams and the social houses. Study abroad

programs are available in more than 100 countries. Students at Bowdoin say that the education and opportunities available to students are beyond anything they could imagine.

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Bowling Green State University

Bowling Green, Ohio

Bowling Green is a public liberal arts university with roughly 18,000 students. Set in suburban Ohio, the campus is a short distance from each of Ohio's biggest cities. Beautiful trees coat the campus with a cemetery marking its center. The student body is relatively homogenous, with mostly in-state, white, preppy students. Students tend to be laid back and friendly. There are eighteen NCAA varsity teams and a variety of club sports ranging from synchronized swimming to water polo. With the exception of underclassmen commuting from home, all students must live on campus. Each dorm has its own computer lab, where many professors have their offices and sometimes hold classes. There are a number of eateries on campus, including a Wendy's and Starbucks; there are several convenience stores as well. Twelve percent of students join one of BGSU's 42 Greek organizations. There are over 325 student run organizations. Eight colleges make up the university; the largest is the College of Education and Human Development. The most popular majors are education, business and arts and sciences, however there are over 200 majors and programs. Students are guaranteed one practical, hands on experience related to their major. Many participate in the co-op program, where they can earn money while working toward their degree.

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Brandeis University

Waltham, Massachusetts

Located in a suburb of Boston, Brandeis University was founded on Jewish heritage back in 1948. The student body is about 60% Jewish. In addition to a Temple on campus, there is a Church and a Mosque, so it is religiously diverse and accepting. The strongest disciplines are in Cultural Studies, Social Sciences, Performing Arts, and the Sciences. Brandeis is a very liberal school for the independent-minded student. The campus does not give off a feel of cohesive community; so students attend Brandeis more for the quality of the professors and the intellectual pursuit. It is said that many students go there with a desire to make a positive impact on the world.

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Bridgewater State College

Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Bridgewater State College is a well put together school with a respectful, warm feel, but it does tend to be quiet on weekends. It started as a Teachers college, so the Education department is very strong. Located thirty minutes from Boston, there is a train stop in the middle of the campus, separating the East and West side. Athletic facilities were recently constructed, and a new Performing Arts Center is to come in the near future. Bridgewater is a dry campus, with zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol. Their strong Judiciary Board follows the 'three strikes and your out' rule. Greek life is available. The campus is not cliquey, boasting a nice sense of community. It is a state school with a private school feel. Dorms are both same sex and co-ed, and all dorms have recently been renovated. They have great digital

editing and broadcast studios. All students are required to have laptops, and they also have an Aviation Science program in conjunction with Delta Airlines. The fulltime undergraduate population is about 6000 students.

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Brigham Young University

Provo, Utah

BYU has many Mormon students, and has strong ties to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This means that BYU espouses conservative values and a wholesome environment, which makes students feel safe and comfortable. The church's values of prosperity, chastity, and obedience are strongly evident on the 557 acre campus. The students here are unique, clean-cut, shaven, modestly dressed, and proper in their etiquette. Students must take one religion course per term to graduate. Physical fitness is important to the students, with the intramural facilities being some of the best in the country. The strongest academic programs are in Business, Law, Engineering, Languages, and Nursing. There are no fraternities or sororities on campus, and alcoholic and caffeinated drinks are not permitted. BYU is voted the #1 Stone Cold Sober University every year, but students say there is still plenty to do.

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Brown University

Providence, Rhode Island

Brown University is the eighth oldest school in the country, and is one of the Ivy League schools. It is located in a very vibrant city, within walking distance of arts and culture, situated on a very well appointed campus. The campus adjoins the campus of the Rhode Island School of Design. Brown's campus has a relaxed "lived in" feel, with streets intertwining the campus. Students at Brown are considered the most liberal of the Ivy League. One of the Hallmarks of a Brown education is their open curriculum; virtually all students self design their major. Students are generally interested in activism, social justice, and the common good over self advancement. True to its progressive roots, Brown is known for their self directed education, emphasizing that students think critically of their own education. Even with this freedom, the vast majority of Brown students take a reasonable core of liberal arts and science courses. Brown was the first Ivy League school to have coed dorms. The student population is approximately 5000 students.

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Bryant University

Smithfield, Rhode Island

Bryant is located twelve miles from Providence. About 2800 students attend. They have an outstanding Business school and updated facilities. The campus has a lake. Bryant offers eight business concentrations, as well as strong mathematics, computer, and communications programs. The school is increasing its study abroad options as the business world becomes more global. They offer outstanding internships and career options. Bryant boasts one of the best libraries in the world, thanks to a 50 million dollar grant from Bausch and Lomb. Bryant also has a new wellness center, television studio, and live ticker tape trading room for finance majors. They are one of the most wired campuses in the country. Students in any major can

chose business as a minor or concentration. Every student must minor in liberal arts. Students at Bryant are very friendly and unpretentious. Teaching is done only by professors and the average class size is 26. Greek life is not dominating on campus. All freshmen must take a foundation class, focusing on campus survival, involvement and study skills. Bryant is often compared to Bentley and Babson, two other excellent business schools in the region. Babson students are stronger academically and more global in their perspective and Bentley's are closer to Boston for more job opportunities. Bryant's curriculum and facilities are up to par and their focus is on developing students in a friendly nurturing environment.

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Bryn Mawr College

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Bryn Mawr is an all women's college set on 135 acres in the Philadelphia suburbs, eleven miles from downtown. Approximately 1300 students attend this very selective college. The students may take classes at Haverford or Swarthmore College located close by and students may live on these other campuses. The majority of students do. BM ranks in the top for percentage of international students among the Ivy League and sister schools. It enjoys a very high ranking in terms of socioeconomic diversity. Students are diverse, close knit, friendly and trusting. There is a strong honor code, including self scheduled exams. An interesting statistic is that BM has the third most physics female graduates nationally, following Cal Tech and MIT. All majors provide very strong research opportunities. Class sizes average between two and twelve students, so students work very close with professors. The dorms are absolutely amazing and look like castles. There are many traditions that bond students together, such as Lantern Night and May Day. There are two graduate schools on campus, one for social services and one for educational law. Undergrads have access to graduate classes. Top majors are music, dance, and the sciences.

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Bucknell University

Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Located on an isolated campus in central Pennsylvania, Bucknell is a residential campus offering a nice balance between academics and social life. Students tend to be preppy, conservative and outdoorsy. Most come from upper middle class families with conservative backgrounds and are motivated to succeed. Classes at Bucknell are relatively small and professors genuinely care about their students. Some of the strongest academic programs are Humanities, English, Theater, Music, Psychology, Engineering and Natural Sciences, and Interdisciplinary studies. Students are very supportive of one another. About 85% of students live on campus, however all freshman are required to. Students say the dorms create a nice living environment. Forty percent of students join Greek life; many choose to live in fraternity and sorority housing. Bucknell's campus has its own 18-hole golf course. Division I athletics, club and intramural sports all play an active part in the campus' social scene. For students that are on the lookout for small classes, caring professors, and great school spirit, Bucknell is a top contender.

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University of California: Berkeley

Berkeley, California

UC Berkeley is one of the nation's most liberal universities. This public school has quite an intense academic atmosphere. Over 24,000 students cram onto a small campus, so competition is fierce. You'll find quite an array of students, from flower children to young Republicans to body-pierced activists. Students say that all students were top students in high school, so they don't often want to settle for anything less than number one. While all departments are strong, top dogs are Engineering, Architecture, Business, Theoretical Physics, Molecular Biology, Political Science, and English. The campus contains numerous museums. The student population is very diverse, with 56% of students coming from minority backgrounds. Diversity makes the campus exciting, as students are free to dress, say, think, and do as they want without criticism from the student body.

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University of California: Davis

Davis , California

Davis is known as the agriculture and engineering school of the California's colleges and universities. Known for pre-med, pre-vet, and food science programs, UC Davis is science oriented, and the workload is tough. Situated on a 6,000 acre campus in the middle of farmland, with over 1,000 buildings, UC Davis is a far cry from the city life of Berkeley. The students at Davis are slightly conservative, yet friendly and open minded. Food on campus is better than most colleges, and housing is guaranteed for freshman. Bicycles are the norm on campus, so don't come to Davis without one—campus is vast and tough to maneuver on foot! Division II athletics are available, but they're not as popular at Davis as at other state universities.

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University of California: Irvine

Irvine, California

With an urban setting and a student population of about 23,000, Irvine is said to have the most conservative student body in the UC system. Irvine is quite competitive, and the course load is rigorous. Strong programs include that of Biological Sciences, Economics, Information and Computer Science, and Chemistry. 97% of students are in-state residents, most of whom are from southern California. The Greek scene at Irvine is strong, with 18 fraternities and 18 sororities, but you have to go and find the social life—it won't come searching for you. On campus housing can be a challenge, so if you really want to live on campus, you have to make sure you meet the deadlines. A large percentage of freshmen (22%) live off campus, many living on the beach, creating a bit of a commuter feel. Irvine has twenty athletic teams competing in NCAA Division I. Students come to Irvine for its top name professors, innovative programs, and cutting edge research. For students that are prepared to keep their heads in a book, their reward will be a great education.

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University of California: Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California

UCLA is located in exclusive Beverly Hills, with beaches, mountains, shopping, and high class Hollywood hangouts all within immediate reach of campus. This makes UCLA appealing to students looking to get more out of college than just an education. On campus there are groups for every interest, and different cultures are readily accepted with no prejudice. Of their strong programs, Music, Engineering, Political Science, Dance,

Economics, Psychology, Biology, and Film and Television top the list. The academic climate is very intense, students are very intelligent, and it is difficult to establish yourself as an elite student. Most students live on campus for the first two years, and move off campus into apartments or condos nearby. UCLA has won a number of collegiate championships, including nearly 100 NCAA titles, and has produced more than 250 Olympians. There is a lot of school spirit on campus, and the nature of campus is typically a friendly. It is very diverse.

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University of California: Riverside

Riverside, California

Overall, Riverside is a commuter campus, with a relatively quiet social life. Activities on campus are strong, making up for the lack of social life in the city. Students are welcomed back to campus each fall with a huge block party, and the Spring Splash brings in top name bands for student entertainment. Riverside places their focus on the student, having one of the lowest student/faculty ratios of the whole UC system. Students are well taken care of and receive personal attention from the faculty. Most students come from California, and over 90% were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class. Known as the college that saved and revitalized California's citrus industry, leading programs are Plant Sciences and Entomology, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Business, and Education. There's always something going on on campus, whether it is a concert, lecture, or Greek party. Students say that UC Riverside has grown and developed quite a bit in the last few years.

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University of California: San Diego

La Jolla, California

Applications at UC San Diego have doubled over the past years, making this college a rival of Berkeley and UCLA. It is set on the La Jolla beaches, making a desirable campus for any student looking for the paradise scene. The residence halls are nice and have all the amenities students need. Of their strong programs, Biology, Engineering, Economics, and Political Science top the list. You can't go wrong in any of the hard sciences at UC San Diego. The campus is tree-lined, and sits high on a bluff that overlooks the Pacific Ocean. They operate on a quarter system, stuffing a semesters worth of work into 10 weeks. Many students find the science curriculum to be very intense. Professors conduct research throughout the year, but also have a great desire to share their findings with students. Most of the students hang out at dance clubs, jazz bars, and great restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter. Only 2% of the students are from out of state, and another 3% are foreign, but the minority representation is high, with 49% of the student body from Hispanic, African, or Asian American decent. The students at UC San Diego are incredibly serious and looking for an excellent education.

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University of California: Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, California

Santa Barbara is known as the party school out of the University of California system. Beaches serve as both the classroom and the playground. Students love the fact that they can get a high rated UC education in such a relaxing atmosphere. As Santa Barbara is located right on the beach, one of their top programs is Marine Biology; others include Physics,

Engineering, Chemistry, Geology, Religious Studies, Accounting, and Environmental Studies. Santa Barbara is a college town, where everyone says hi to each other, ride bikes around campus, and is really friendly. The on-campus housing is amazing, located right in front of the beach. Meals in the dorms are available to all students, and the cuisine is quite tasty. Although Greek life is strong growing, there are plenty of other organizations for students to choose from to keep their social life strong.

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University of California: Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, California

The small student body and residential campus gives UC Santa Cruz a homey feel. Set on a 2000 acre campus of meadowlands and forest, the campus overlooks Monterey Bay. The strongest programs at UCSC are Marine Sciences, Biology, Psychology, and Linguistics. Professors here are very accessible to students, and courses are very rigorous. The campus is quite diverse, with racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity celebrated and strongly encouraged. There are a dozen fraternities and sororities, but only about 1% of the student body participates. There are many other established groups that contribute to the social life on campus. UCSC is known as a progressive school with a gorgeous campus and innovative academic programs.

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California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, California

CalTech's impressive faculty and alumni include 27 Nobel Prize winners! Perfect SAT scores are one of the few things that will get you into this college. The student body is small with about 900 students; sixty percent coming from minority backgrounds. CalTech is known for its rigorous academic programming, and many students choose to take time off to get relief from stress and to avoid burnout. On campus or school affiliated housing is guaranteed all four years, and about 90% of students live in the comfortable and convenient dorms. CalTech has made its name with its Physics program; also highly noted are the Engineering and Applied Sciences. Students are brainiacs, and all ranked in the top ten percent of their high school class. There is no Greek life. A number of Division III and intercollegiate sports are offered, in addition to numerous intramural teams. Overall, CalTech is a nice warm place to go, if you are ready for the intense course load.

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Calvin College

Grand Rapids, Michigan

This college ranks high as a private college bargain with an evangelical Christian history. Students say that the best departments on campus are Nursing, Education, Social Work, Natural Sciences, Communications, and English. Calvin has no Greek system, and adding to its emphasis on Christianity, the campus is officially dry. Most of the freshman classes have 25 students or less. It is said that the students here aim at “walking in Jesus’ footsteps”. The dorms are a key feature at Calvin, and lend to the welcoming community feel of the campus.

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Carleton College

Northfield, Minnesota

Carleton is five minutes from St. Olaf, a rival in athletics and ecology wars. . Its 955 acre campus is located in a town known as “The City of Cows, Colleges, and Contentment.” (That’s ½ acre per student!) Fifty percent of students are Midwestern. Though it is a national liberal arts college of 2000 students, only 25% come from Minnesota. Considered the Harvard of the Midwest, Carleton is set in a very nice neighborhood surrounded by rolling farmland. Of its great academics, strong programs are Math, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics, English, History, Economics, and Psychology. The campus is very geographically diverse, but not ethnically. Admissions do not consider choice of major in their decision. There is a lot of transportation to the Twin Cities. One of the curriculum’s strengths is foreign languages. Seventy percent of students study abroad, the highest percentage among the top twelve liberal arts colleges; there are thirty programs available including many lasting up to two years. There are very strong medical facilities near by. Students love winter. There is a 1000 acre arboretum attached to campus, fourteen miles of trails for cross country jogging or skiing, a bicycle rental and loan program, and 24/7 ice skating. Carleton operates on a trimester schedule with 3 courses per term, providing tremendous flexibility in planning a major. It is the only one of the top twelve nationally ranked liberal arts colleges on trimester schedule. Students are off from Thanksgiving to New Years and have a two week break in March. They are ranked number one nationally in alumni support, based on percentage not dollars. They have a high graduation rate. Students usually have an academic passion and go on to great graduate schools. All students must live on campus for at least two years and most stay on campus during the weekends. Students are described as noncompetitive, intellectual, a little bit quirky, and egalitarian. They don’t fit a particular stereotype and have multiple interests, and are encouraged to be themselves. The curriculum fosters discovery, connecting with the whole student. Other words to describe students are multidisciplinary, genuine, and borderless, competing with themselves and not others. The campus is very clean and orderly. There is not an honor code, though most students don’t lock doors or mailboxes. The campus is eco friendly has its own wind turbine to make energy. Students who wish to can receive private music lessons. They have a nice café that is open all night.

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Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Carnegie Melon has about 5000 students. It is located in a very good college area of Pittsburgh, two blocks from U Pittsburgh. CMU has a fairly intellectual culture and is best known for Engineering, Sciences, Business, and Performing and Fine Arts. Their liberal arts are also quite strong. CMU and U Pitt have cross registration opportunities. Due to U Pitt's large size, CMU students are provided with an extremely large number of classes to choose from. Students may take one class per semester at U Pitt or any other neighboring college. Pitt is well known for its language department. Most classes have between 25 and 30 students. Since CMU is comprised of several different academic divisions, it is not as flexible to switch majors across divisions, though within a division it is very realistic. If you do not even know what academic division you want to enter, then CMU is not a place for you. The typical student is very proactive and able to advocate for themselves. This is not a school where the advisors will monitor you. The campus has a lot of traditions, fostering a sense of community. Spectator sports are not a big part of campus life. Facilities are very strong.

About fifteen percent of students participate in Greek life. Overall, about twenty percent of students study abroad.

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Case Western Reserve University

Cleveland, Ohio

Case Western is located in Cleveland, Ohio and has about 3300 undergrads. Located in an urban area, Cleveland is one of the most culturally dense centers in the US. The university is bordered by the Cleveland Art Museum and a public garden with a large pond, designed by the designer of Central Park. The campus is very nice and spread out over numerous roads and streets. The Cleveland Clinic, a top medical facility, is right next to campus as well. 95% of all classes are taught by professors, and while some intro classes have up to 100 students, the faculty to student ratio is 7:1. Case Western was one of the first wireless campus' in the country. They are well known for the engineering sciences program. Campus housing is guaranteed for two years. Top majors are Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Management and Psychology. Roughly 25% of students join the Greek system. All students must live on campus. The university offers excellent academic scholarships.

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Cedar Crest College

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Cedar Crest is an all women's college in Allentown, PA, 45 minutes from Philadelphia. It is a peaceful environment situated on a beautiful, serene campus. The culture of the school is very nurturing and Cedar Crest is a place where it's easy for students to voice their opinions. It is within walking distance of Muhlenberg College, and within 10 miles of Lehigh and DeSales. The campus attracts many students from the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. It is great for students looking for a college that feels like home. The atmosphere provides a great place to study and is a place to develop with a sense of pride. Students can feel free to be themselves. This is not a party school. There is a great sense of respect on campus and students adhere to an honor code, allowing them take home tests, and a pledge not to plagiarize. This is a school where it's very safe for students to take academic risks; the curriculum is very flexible. The campus is very diverse; 20 percent are minorities. They offer very good academic scholarships. Cedar Crest has very loyal alumni, which speaks to the happiness of their students. Their famous alumnae include a past president of MTV and seven Emmy award winning TV set designers. Many majors offer field experience during the early years. Nursing is the top and most popular major. All students complete a senior year seminar course, which helps tie all coursework into a cohesive theme. Facilities are very updated.

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University of Central Florida

Orlando, Florida

UCF boasts about 20,000 full time students, Division I football, strong school spirit, and strong Greek life. Campus is quiet on the weekends as many students go into the city. They have the 7th largest business school in the country as of 2008. Many students bike around the campus, which is known for its cleanliness. They have one of the largest co-op programs in

Florida. There are many campus traditions, including jumping into the reflective ponds. The dorms are located right near the academic buildings. The average class size is about 38 students and UCF is one of the top wired schools in Florida. They have a new recreation fitness facility and their top programs are Business, Film, Forensic Science, English, Philosophy, and Physics. It is a very diverse school, and politically it is pretty laid back.

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Centre College

Danville, Kentucky

Centre College is traditional, complete with gentleman scholars, football games, and fraternity pranks. Students and faculty work closely and have built a great community of just over 1,000 students. There is a balance between northern academics and southern hospitality. The small size allows students to get involved and take part in making improvements in every aspect of the campus. The most popular majors are Economics, Biology, History, English, and Government. Centre guarantees graduation in four years, and while the academic climate is intense, it is also supportive and nurturing. The coursework is rigorous, but the rewards for hardworking students are vast. Campus organized events are popular, but the Greek parties draw the largest crowds. 80% of students take advantage of study abroad programs. Most students say that the people and the feel of the campus are what won them over.

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Chapman University

Orange, California

Chapman is well known for its future filmmakers and aspiring actors. Its proximity to L.A. allows students to get a feel for the showbiz life. While Film, TV and Broadcast Journalism, and Music are popular majors, students without the entertainment passion can opt for Education, Communication Studies, and Biology, just to name a few. Campus is beautiful, located on 75 acres near the great beaches of Orange County. There are over sixty clubs and organizations for students to take advantage of. The campus offers state-of-the-art facilities. Students are active and driven. 55% of students live on-campus in residence halls--comfortable dorms where each room has its own bathroom or shares with just one other room. Incoming freshman are assigned a "coach" that they can meet with weekly to target their goals, plan, and develop new skills.

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University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

The University of Chicago is one of the most intellectual schools in the country. It's located in a very nice, safe neighborhood of Chicago, Hyde Park. The university runs on a quarter system, with students taking a maximum four classes in each quarter. The core curriculum includes just sixteen classes, and they have an optional summer session of 10 weeks. There is a nine day orientation for freshman students. A Phys Ed. Test must be passed in order for students to graduate. There is a brand new athletic facility. The student to faculty ratio is 4:1, with only about 4000 students on campus. Graduate level courses are available to freshman if they choose. The dormitories are houses, and much of the social life is organized through the houses. The dining hall offers reserved tables by house. Students are involved in intellectual fun, such as book and movie discussions and theater reviews. It's very easy for students to

sample classes outside of their major. Students are responsible, unique, and tolerant. There are not a lot of rules or restrictions, and it is a nontraditional student body. U Chicago is a city school looking for more rural students. They have the Great Books program, but minimized from what it was in the 1960s, downplaying choosing a major too early. There are outstanding undergraduate research opportunities. School spirit is not built around sports. It is not a dry campus, but there are very few judiciary issues. Over the last 10 years, U Chicago has worked to create more social activities on campus. There are now 350 registered student clubs and organizations.

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College of Charleston

Charleston, South Carolina

Charleston's core curriculum is based heavily on liberal arts and professional programs, with a focus on writing, computing, languages, and thinking skills. It is a unique school with great cultural and historical ties, giving students the feeling of home. Students cover a wide spectrum of personalities, including preps, hippies, punk rockers, jocks, Goths, etc. The strongest programs lie in Education, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Marine Biology, Environmental Science, Physics, and Languages. Women outnumber men 65% to 35%. One student says "if you don't like to study, read, or write papers, this isn't the place for you". Charleston is filled with history, culture, arts, so students often graduate and make Charleston their home. 30% of students live on campus where housing options are increasing. Students live in suites with bathrooms, a kitchen and a small living room.

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University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio

This university of 20,000 mostly instate students is located two miles from downtown Cincinnati. The campus is made up of 117 buildings and sixteen libraries set on nearly 475 acres. Recent renovations to campus include new suite-style dorms and a "Main Street" through the middle of campus to consolidate student activities. The university includes colleges of Law, Medicine and Pharmacy. Biological Sciences, Classics and Classical Literature, Criminology and Justice Studies, Ecology, Environmental Engineering, Physiology, Biomedical Sciences, Special Education and Toxicology programs at UC are all ranked among the top ten programs of their type in the U.S. The UC campus has produced many medical advances including the first antihistamine, the first electronic organ and the polio vaccine. About 20% of students live on campus, and the nicer, newer dorms are the hardest to get into. Roughly a quarter of students have minority backgrounds. UC offers Division I athletics in most sports, and for others Intercollegiate and intramural teams are offered. There are buses that take students right into downtown Cincinnati.

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Clark University

Worcester, Massachusetts

Clark University is a school that over-delivers in quality of education for its level of selectivity. The curriculum and mission are very similar to that at Brandeis. It is a liberal school with an intellectual environment. The mission of Clark is "Change Our World", and it has been selected as one of the "Colleges that Changed Lives". The program offerings are tremendously deep and broad, specifically in the Social Sciences, with majors such as

Gerontology and Holocaust Studies. It is one of the top schools in the nation for Psychology, and it is the only place that Sigmund Freud ever taught. Rocket Science was also first studied there. The campus has a lived in look and feel and is located in a working class neighborhood. It is a school for the independent minded student who does not necessarily need a Saturday morning football game. The typical student is not the “following the crowd” type. They have a very large number of students that do volunteer work and study abroad. The campus has a brand new Bio-Chem building, and Pre-Med and Pre-Dental programs are outstanding. The financial aid program is decent, with excellent academic scholarships. By maintaining a high GPA for all four years, Clark gives students a 5th year free towards their Masters.

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Clark Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

Clark Atlanta University was formed by the consolidation of Clark College, a four year liberal arts university, and Atlanta University, which previously offered only graduate degrees. CAU is a coeducational institution that offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to its students. They are successful in drawing on the former strengths of both schools, offering strong programs in the Health Professions, Public Policy, and Mass Communications, which includes Print Journalism, Radio and TV Production, and Filmmaking. Undergraduate enrollment is approximately 4,000 students.

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Clarkson University

Potsdam, New York

Located in the rural Potsdam, NY, Clarkson’s main draws are its ice hockey team and Engineering program. Chemistry and Business are also top academics. Courses are hard; every good grade received is well-earned. Students at Clarkson are friendly, serious, and down to earth. Most freshman classes have fewer than 25 students, and Clarkson prides itself on individualized instruction. Professors genuinely care about students, and many take on students to conduct research. The climate is academic-oriented and quite competitive. Students say the most important thing after 4 years is finding a job, and the career center boasts a high placement rate. The dorms are comfortable and well maintained, but there is a constant dorm shortage. Housing improves based on your class year. Students are required to live on campus all four years, unless they join a fraternity or sorority and live in a Greek house. 15% of men and 13% of women take part in Greek life, where most of the socializing on campus takes place within. The social scene is low key, with activities such as comedians, picnics, and other entertainment on campus. The closest major city is Montreal. A 3:7 female to male ratio exists within Clarkson's student body of 2500.

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Clemson University

Clemson, South Carolina

Clemson is a technically oriented public university that is often compared to Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, and NC State. It is smaller than the last two and more student focused than Georgia Tech. The university is located at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Students

receive a great education combined with lots of school spirit and small town hospitality. Clemson is known for serving students with interests in technical fields, with strong majors in Engineering and Biology. Electrical Engineering is the largest department, and the Computer Engineering program is one of the nation's best in research. The College of Architecture is the most selective. An honors program is available to students. There is never a lack of things to do on the weekends. About 22% of students go Greek. Everyone can become a part of the Clemson family, from northern Yankees to Southern belles. As long as students "are friendly, easygoing, and enthusiastic about life in general and the Clemson Tigers in particular," they will fit in here.

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Colby College

Waterville, Maine

Colby is in a remote area, so the campus tends to be quiet. The campus is very nice, but is somewhat like a protected "bubble". It has a very comfortable, upper-class feel to it. Colby is a strong academic school with a small student/professor ratio, so students get a lot of individual attention. The student body is a very athletic group, with 55% participating in intramurals. Virtually all students live in the dorms for all 4 years. Colby is a school trying to become more diverse. There are a lot of visiting speakers that come to campus. The college boasts outstanding faculty, and very good study abroad programs. Colby has a conservative, preppy student body, and athletics are very important. Students who are successful at Colby are usually "joiners". There is an honor code on campus, which encourages trust between the students. There is no Greek Life at Colby.

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Colby-Sawyer College

New London, New Hampshire

Colby-Sawyer is located in rural, Southern New Hampshire and has about 1000 students. Students are on a first name basis with president. It's a very nurturing school. All classrooms are "smart" classrooms. There are state-of-the-art facilities. The outstanding athletic center has a great swimming pool and work out facilities. There is a brand new science building as of the year 2002. The campus is very clean and manicured. The student body is fairly athletic and outdoorsy. Students form a very nice and inviting community. They are very friendly. It is not a cliquey student body. Colby-Sawyer is a great school for shy students. Freshman and upperclassmen commingle together. The campus is very safe. Athletic participation is not necessary to get along socially. They are an inclusive group and easy to get along with because most students don't describe themselves by a fixed activity. The student body is generally involved in volunteering and community action. Classes usually have between 15 and 25 students; the largest has 35. The core curriculum is only forty credits and is interdisciplinary. There is room for many electives. The honors program consists of two honors classes per semester. They have a high student retention rate. (84 percent) The school went coed in 1991. The most popular majors are Sports Science, Business, and Child Development. Colby Sawyer has a nationally accredited athletic training program and is rated top five in food service for colleges of its size. The orientation is one week and includes an outward bound activity with faculty. The theater department is very large. Anyone can have a car on campus. Concord is thirty minutes away.

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Colgate University

Hamilton, New York

This college is set in rural New York and has about 2800 students. The student body is moderately conservative. Colgate is undergraduate focused. About one third of the students join the Greek system. Volunteering is not a big part of campus life but is available. Ninety percent of students stay on campus during the weekends. The school population is larger than the entire population of Hamilton. Every dorm has high-speed internet connections. The bookstore has been relocated downtown to get students to interact with the town. The campus center is very small. The biggest complaint students have is the location of the school and the amount of hills on campus. There is an honor code. Colgate offers residential theme houses. Each dormitory has its own student government. There is not a lot of activism on campus. The school needs more diversity and socioeconomic and racial diversity, although low income students do not necessarily feel out of place because Colgate is not located in a city, where students tend to spend more money on off campus activities. On campus activities are usually paid for by the school. The average class size is 19. Professors are very personal. Dormitories are arranged by class. They have one of the strongest study abroad programs in the country; 55 percent of students study abroad typically in their junior year. There is a lot of school spirit due to having Division 1 sports at a small liberal arts college. Twenty percent participate in varsity athletics; 60 percent in intramurals. The school has a great fitness center. Colgate has one of the strongest curriculums in the nation and is very interdisciplinary. For example, western traditions could be taught by a music professor. Students are linked to upperclassmen and campus leads right from the beginning to help them feel engaged. The campus is 550 acres surrounded by mountains and a lake. The main attraction to Colgate is undergraduate research opportunities, study abroad programs owned by Colgate, and Division I sports. During winter, Colgate gets a lot of snow and there are many winter carnivals. Students are very energetic and athletic. The most popular majors are Engineering, Economics, Biology, Political Science, Philosophy, Art, and Psychology. Career services are very active with the alumni connection. Colgate is located 3 miles from Hamilton College. The campus has a very clean, suburban feel to it.

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Colorado College

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Colorado College is home to about 2000, mostly out of state students and known for their block scheduling, also called “One-Course-At-A-Time” method. Each course is focused on for three and a half weeks, with a four and a half day break separating each block. Students say that they decide how rigorous the courses are based on how much effort they put into them. Students are laid back, nature loving “hippies.” The college draws many outdoor enthusiasts and ski-lovers. The most popular majors are the Social Sciences, Biology, and the Visual and Performing Arts. The average class size is thirteen students. Professors are very accessible and easy to develop a good relationship with. Students also say that while there is housing for 80% of the student body, much of it is sub-par, and the food is not a highlight either. The social scene is low-key, and the Greek system is also said to be low-key with about ten percent student participation.

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University of Colorado: Boulder

Boulder, Colorado

The scenery at UC Boulder is breathtaking. Students are drawn in from all over the country for Colorado's great skiing opportunities. UC Boulder has more than 300 days of sunshine each year, so the campus easily emphasizes nature, fitness, sports, and outdoor activities. Its strongest programs are Physics, Psychology, Geography, Mathematics, Biology, and Music. Dorms on campus are very comfortable, well maintained, and well supervised by Resident Advisors and Directors. First year students are required to live on campus, but most upperclassmen choose off campus apartments in Boulder. The campus is safe, with walking and riding escorts at night through their "NightRide" program. 7% of men and 10% of women go Greek at Boulder, though their Greek houses were the first in the nation to become dry. Dorms are also officially substance free. Social activities are great at UC Boulder, mainly because you can go skiing, hiking, boating, and to a play, all in the same day. Boulder is known for its energy. Every student, teacher, and department always has something new and exciting going on, making it hard to ever get bored.

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Colorado State University

Fort Collins, Colorado

Colorado State University is located on 642 acres in Fort Collins, a very safe city 60 miles from Denver. The university has eight academic colleges. Popular majors include business and marketing, family and consumer sciences, biology, English and agriculture. The natural sciences, forestry and agriculture are all impressive programs. Colorado State has one of the nation's top veterinary schools, complete with a veterinary teaching hospital. Students cite a challenging workload and genuine professors. Classes range from 10 to 300 students. A wide variety of academic, cultural, religious and political clubs are available, as well as fraternities and sororities. Athletes participate in NCAA Division I. Fort Collins is known for its beautiful, sunny weather, and is ranked the nation's third best city to live by Reader's Digest!

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Columbia College

Chicago, Illinois

Columbia has many overlapping applicants with Emerson. They are especially strong in the Communication Arts, Design, Animation, Computer Design, Poetry, and Film Writing areas. Students can get a BA or a BFA degree. The housing arrangement is somewhat unstructured, with most kids living off campus; however there are shared housing opportunities with Roosevelt University. Columbia is an urban school with great access to mass transit. There is a strong emphasis on hands-on learning. No organized athletic programs are available on campus. Students are extremely creative, and majors all seem to fit into a niche. Though Columbia College is not a very selective school, it is well known in the industries that its students pursue.

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Columbia University

New York, New York

Columbia is consistently one of the most selective colleges each year. Applications have doubled in the past 10 years, mainly because of Manhattan's draw to students. Although it is

the smallest of the Ivy League schools, the campus is far from small, in part due to its urban location. It is easy to feel lost amongst its 24,000 students. Columbia boasts a 90% acceptance rate into law and medical school, so it is surprising to hear that the school focuses more on intellectuality than on the pre-professional area. Its strongest programs are that of English, History, Political Science, Economics, Dance, Drama, Computer Science, and Biomedical Engineering. Columbia also has the largest percentage of minority students in all of the Ivy League school network. It has liberal tendencies. Many of the dorms on campus are singles. Social life on campus is best described as mellow and well balanced between school events, concerts, dances, and a variety of activities that the city offers.

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Connecticut College

New London, Connecticut

Connecticut College is set on a small, quiet, beautiful campus on the water. This school has its aspects that draw students in, although the town of New London itself does not have much to offer. CC is SAT optional. Originally an all girls school, it has made the transition and is now 60/40 female to male. The biggest academic draw are the Fine and Performing Arts curriculum, with other strong areas being Environmental studies, Economics, Psychology, Anthropology, International Studies, and Government. Professors here strive to make each class interesting for the students, and are also known for being helpful when students need it. There is no Greek life on campus, so most of the social activities here take place around the dorms, including co-ed intramurals, and weekly keg and theme parties as well. The campus is friendly; there are strong student/faculty bonds. There is a strong sense of community among everyone. A student run honor code exists, illustrated in unproctored exams. Students say that “if you want to be a number, Connecticut College is not the place for you.”

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University of Connecticut

Storrs, Connecticut

UConn is the top public university in New England, with the most beautiful and new buildings of the New England public Universities, championship teams, research opportunities, and over 250 clubs and organizations. Two lakes on campus, and thick woods surrounding it making the campus self contained. Strongest disciplines are pre-professional, including business, engineering, education, pharmacy, allied health, nursing, and physical therapy. Students that attend UConn are known as very enthusiastic and involved. Traditions are strong on campus, including late night breakfasts during finals week, Winter Weekend, and carnival style nights. 16% of the student body is minorities, and there are cultural centers for all across campus. Ten dining halls offer many food choices. Overall, it’s a well-rounded campus with students from every background.

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Cooper Union

New York, New York

Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art is a free (yes free) institution that uses the East Village in NYC as its campus. With a highly selective reputation (only 13% of over 2,000 applicants were accepted in 2007) Cooper boasts Ivy level competition in the heart of art mecca of NY. Accepted students receive a full tuition scholarship for some of the

nation's finest academics in architecture, engineering, and art. The academic climate is intense, and students say "you don't know stress until you have been through Cooper. Many students fail or drop out or take a year off." The curriculum is highly structured and you must follow certain sequences to graduate. Classes are small, and professors are engaging and accessible. Every class is taught by full professors. The students here are incredibly driven, and they have to be, based on the work ethic expected from the professors. It is known to be very liberal, and students say that if you can't accept different kinds of people, you shouldn't attend CU. Housing is guaranteed only to freshman, and they love the 15 story residence hall that is offered to them as it is in great condition and well maintained.

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Cornell College

Mount Vernon, Iowa

This school boasts block courses, their claim to fame, but they still find it difficult to lure students to rural Iowa. Students take one course at a time, and they are completed in 18 days so each class is intense. Their strongest programs are Art, Biology, Education, English, Philosophy, Psychology, Politics, and Theater. The students here are independent thinkers, passionate and motivated leaders. As far as their courses go, they prepare students for the real world. At Cornell, what needs to be done, needs to be done quickly. Most classes have fewer than 25 students, and the quality of teaching at Cornell College is "unmatched". The fraternities at CC draw 30% of men and women, although none of the fraternities and sororities are nationally associated. Many students tie themselves into the community, whether it is by getting jobs downtown or going to the local churches and social events.

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Cornell University

Ithaca, New York

Cornell's new focus is to become the finest research university for its undergraduate students. They have an interesting blend of private and public institutional programs and studies. The campus is gorgeous with a view of Ithaca and Cayuga lakes, and also is bordered by ravines, waterfalls, and parks. Four colleges for its undergraduate students: architecture, art, and planning; arts and sciences; engineering; and hotel administration. Cornell also operates three other schools under contract with NYS, those being the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology, and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Human Ecology and Hotel Administration programs are in the top in the nation. Many of the first year introductory courses are large lectures. There are 200 or more study abroad programs. The strongest majors at Cornell include Biology, Physical Science, Math, English, Business, Architecture, Hotel Administration, Industrial and Labor Relations, and Agriculture. Cornell has an intense academic curriculum, and the typical student cannot really be defined. It has been said that the intensity carries over into relationships and that Cornell could enhance if it wasn't as competitive. It is a very social school. Greek life is prevalent on campus, with about 26% of students participating.

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Creighton University

Omaha, Nebraska

Creighton University is home to 3,700 passionate students. Anonymity is not an option here; students are friendly, open-minded and outgoing. In spirit with the Jesuit affiliation at Creighton, students and faculty genuinely care about one another. Professors are supportive and encouraging. Among the most popular programs are the health professions and clinical sciences, business administration and management, nursing, communication and psychology. The campus is politically two sided; conservative and liberal groups are both well represented by students. Most students are Roman Catholics; however other Christian groups are well represented. Fraternities and sororities promote social involvement and draw a good amount of student participation. Getting involved is the key to making friends at Creighton. The student body is warming and friendly. A 3 to 2 female to male ratio exists. The University offers Division I athletics, intramurals and club sports. Men's basketball and soccer are the most popular spectator sports, but cross country and women's crew are quality as well. The University of Nebraska at Omaha is close by, where some students head to interact with other college students. Omaha is an urban area known for its art and music.

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Curry College

Milton, Massachusetts

Located in a protected, wooded, private campus, it is about 5 minutes from downtown Boston, offering great access to the city, without being in the city. It is a very social community with good school spirit. Academically, they are very supportive for their students as they want them to succeed, so the administration is very nurturing and attentive. They boast their own state-of-the-art TV and radio stations and studios right on campus. The campus is spread out with many rolling hills and Victorian buildings, a brand new field house, and small fitness facilities. There is an intercampus shuttle that runs all day to transport students around campus and into Boston until 2 am. Curry College is one of the strongest schools in the country for its Academic Support Services. It was the first college in the country to have its own dedicated Learning Disability Support program. The class size is small, with a 12:1 student to faculty ratio and a fulltime undergraduate enrollment of about 1200 students on its 132 acre campus. There are more minors available to students than majors, and they are available in a lot of applied areas such as sociology and graphic design.

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University of Dallas

Irving, Texas

Even though it is labeled a 'university', UD only has around 1200 undergraduates. The curriculum is exclusively liberal arts, with the exception of the Business Leaders of Tomorrow program. Its top majors lie in the areas of English, Business Leadership, Biology, History, Politics, Philosophy, and Pre-Med. The environment provides a nice balance of drive and priority for students, and the students say that it is clear that they are a conservative Roman Catholic school. Students also say that the workload and academic pressure can be intense and intellectually stimulating. Students are supportive of each other, and most of the professors are well loved and well known. There is no Greek life on campus, so student government sponsors most of the on-campus entertainment, with movies, dances, and visiting speakers. It is said that UD appeals to those students who pride themselves on being the

philosopher kinds of the 21st century. Students go there to have fun, build sincere friendships, and work hard.

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Daniel Webster College

Nashua, New Hampshire

Daniel Webster is one mile from downtown Nashua, where there is lots of activity, shops, and restaurants, though the school itself is in a rural setting. The college has about 1000 students. It's located on its own air strip. Common meeting areas for students are small, as is the gym and fitness area. School strengths include the small student faculty ratio and excellent specializations in aviation, engineering and computer science. Students are able to fly starting their freshman year. (Embry Riddle begins during sophomore year). Eighty percent live on campus. The school owns thirty six aircraft. (A very diverse fleet compared to other flying schools) The sports management program has required internships. The actual engineering department is very small and is part of a 2-2 program with other schools; though they are developing a four year program. The school is very strong in "flight instruction." ROTC Air Force is on campus. ROTC is a good option since pay is very modest for graduate entry level jobs. It is possible for students to fly every day of the week. The school wide core curriculum is only six classes outside of the major.

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Dartmouth College

Hanover, New Hampshire

Dartmouth is an Ivy League school with about 4000 students located in Hanover, New Hampshire in a rural, small town. Winter sports and outdoor recreation are important to students. The campus has a very natural look and casual atmosphere with lots of historical buildings. Students fit the work hard-play hard profile. Orientation is one week long. There is an honor code that includes take home and unproctored exams. Dartmouth feels like the University of Massachusetts with regards to its resources, liberal nature, diversity, student opportunity and international perspective but being much smaller, quaint, and intellectually concentrated. The school offers a "D" plan which provides off campus, required experiences. All majors require a culminating experience. The average course load is three classes per 10 week term. There are four terms, including a floating term used for creative internships. In order to graduate, all students must learn to swim. Fifty percent study abroad. The majority live on campus. There is a lot of affinity/theme housing. About a third of the campus community joins Greek housing so there tends to be remnants of its conforming preppy roots compared to some other Ivy League schools. The curriculum is very interdisciplinary and flexible. There are undergraduate research opportunities. The Dartmouth Outing Club provides three days linking freshmen with upperclassmen before orientation to help students get engaged. Students here want to make a difference, are down to earth, very energetic and ambitious. Eighty percent of students do volunteer work. The student faculty ratio is 8:1; the largest class has about 150 students. There are seven dining areas. Food is available 24 hours a day. The career center is very engaged with the Alumni Network. Dartmouth connections provide great internship and connections world wide.

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Davidson College

Davidson, North Carolina

Known as the "Dartmouth of the South", Davidson is the most selective liberal arts college below the Mason-Dixon line. It boasts Southern tradition with Northern athletics and academics set on a beautiful campus. Students here are self-motivated and very hard working. Everyone is very conservative. There is an honor code on campus, and students feel that they are able to walk around campus feeling safe and can leave their belongings anywhere without being stolen. While the academic climate is rigorous, it is not grueling and lacks competitiveness, though academics are tough. The most popular majors here are History, Biology, English, Political Science, and Psychology. Professors are known for being friendly and accessible. Housing is above average, with 91% of students living on campus. The food is great, with many options. Athletics and the social scene are interrelated. Most of the Davidson student body comes from affluent Southern families, but there is still a nice representation of the 50 states. Students say that they might live in a bubble, but they are all happy to be there.

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University of Dayton

Dayton, Ohio

The students at University of Dayton are most often described as friendly and personable. The student population is comprised of approximately 10,000, the majority of whom volunteer in over 30 different public service areas. Student values come largely from the Roman Catholic faith, with little diversity amongst them. U Dayton's campus is secluded from the hustle and bustle of the city; the area is very clean. A new fitness and recreation complex opened in 2006, as well as a new residence hall. Among its strongest programs are Education, Communications, Engineering, Marketing, Finance, and Psychology. It is a sweatshirt campus; you don't have to dress to impress to fit in and there is a strong sense of community. Dayton's Greek organizations draw about 15 percent student participation, playing an active role in the social and community service scene on campus. All first year students live on campus, with about three quarters of students on campus overall. It's said that you don't need to leave campus to have a memorable time; however, campus is 2 minutes from downtown Dayton and 50 miles from Cincinnati.

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University of Delaware

Newark, Delaware

With over 16,000 undergrads, U Delaware is a public university offering more than 120 academic programs. Strong programs include Chemical Engineering, Business Administration, Biological Sciences, Music, Nursing, English, and Animal Sciences. Students in the nursing program can take advantage of simulated nursing rooms for student learning. Students say that there is a nice blend of academics and social life, with plenty of on and off campus activities and parties. Delaware has become more competitive and expensive, particularly for out of state students, which make up 70% of the student population. Football is big on campus, but the big name sports teams that other public universities offer don't exist at Delaware. Greek life attracts 13% of men and women, and they often throw parties for students. Campus is within walking distance of anywhere in downtown Newark. Nearly half of students live on campus, including all freshmen. Dorm

housing is guaranteed, but is awarded by lottery; many juniors and seniors choose to live off campus. U Delaware has an excellent honors program. The campus, located 12 miles from Wilmington and 30 miles from Philadelphia, has a private, colonial feel and is well kept. The university does not feel as big as it is.

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Denison University

Granville, Ohio

Denison University is a private, liberal arts college known for its beautiful campus. Denison is somewhat conservative, and boasts a bright, laid back, engaging and interesting, athletic, good-looking, generally privileged and ambitious student body of approximately 2200 students. Its strongest programs include that of Natural and Social Sciences, Philosophy, Theater, Creative Writing, Geology, International Studies, and Computer Science. The campus includes a 350 acre biological reserve for environmental studies students. About 1000 students live on campus, and those allowed to live elsewhere must be from home. Classes are small, and individual attention is the norm, as professors love teaching as much as their research. Both sides of the political spectrum are represented on campus, with many students falling somewhere in between. There are many events for students to choose from; the campus never lacks social activities. Even though Denison is growing, it continues to value tradition. Greek life is said to be dominant, though the administration has made efforts to reduce the social influence of Greek life.

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University of Denver

Denver, Colorado

Denver University is known as a ski haven. It is the oldest private university in the Rocky Mountains, and campus is said to be pleasant but uninspiring. The campus is located in a comfortable residential neighborhood just eight miles from downtown Denver and one hour from all of Denver's major ski areas. The orientation program is a great feature, allowing students to become accustomed with the campus. Courses at Denver are rigorous and students can be very competitive. The honors program has fielded a Rhodes Scholar, a Marshall Scholar, a Truman Scholar, and 12 Fulbright Scholars. Dorms are said to be comfortable, and have a beautiful view of the mountains. Students are required to live on campus the first two years. The dorms are well maintained and give students a sense of closeness for activities and social life. The undergrad student body of 5500 is not very racially diverse, though geographically speaking-more than 50 percent of students are out of state. In addition to Business, which draws nearly 50 percent of students, Denver's strong programs are Biology, Psychology, History, English, Political Science, and Public Affairs. During the winter, campus empties out on weekends when everyone goes off to ski!

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DePaul University

Chicago, Illinois

DePaul has seven campuses, and a student's location depends on their major. In 2008, they were the eighth largest private university in the U.S. DePaul is a teaching institute and not research focused. The main campus has about 11,000 students. DePaul's major benefits are its location, connections, diversity and its innovation. They have a very strong theater and

music conservatory. About one third of students are first generation college students. There is an honors program for students in the top five percent of their graduating class, great academic scholarships, and a very large sense of community on campus. All classes have Smart Technology, with computerized learning. Within the university there are nine colleges. DePaul's strong programs include Communications, Education, Music and Theater arts, and Liberal Sciences. Public transportation is free with a student ID. The campus is two blocks from Lincoln Park, where there is lots of cultural activities, and is close to the financial and art district. DePaul runs on the quarter system, with 4 classes per term. There is a brand new student center, athletic facility, top notch dorms, and Division I athletics. Nearly 800 companies recruit on campus. Classes are capped at 30 students, with the average being 19. There are no teaching assistants on campus. Traditions on campus include concerts, basketball games, and community service activities. Students are very social. Though DePaul has Catholic affiliation, it is the most diverse private school in the country, with one third of students having minority backgrounds. DePaul is in a great location in the middle of everything!

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DePauw University

Greencastle, Indiana

DePauw is a liberal arts institution, home to approximately 2400 students, and full of students destined for Indiana's business elite. The student body is entirely residential. DePauw has conservative roots. There is a first year program that helps students transition to college by combined challenging courses with activities and programs. The student body is said to be extremely career-oriented. The strongest programs are Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Management, Communications and Theater, English, and Creative Writing. The Music program is very strong. DePauw offers a J-term program where upperclassman can travel abroad for month-long study in January. Rules are strict on campus. DePauw is known for its Greek Life, attracting three quarters of students, and is possibly the strongest in the nation. Aside from the Greek parties, the social life surrounds around varsity athletics, most notably football. This school has a great balance of strong academics, with school spirit and a large opportunity for students to travel and lead.

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DeSales University

Center Valley, Pennsylvania

DeSales was founded in 1964 as a Catholic university. The campus is set on 400 acres in a small suburb, about 45 minutes from Philadelphia. This student body has about 1900 students. The campus is very spread out. Campus culture is very nurturing, and the student who is happiest here would be looking for a place that fosters spiritual development. The typical student is an "All American Kid," likes to have good clean fun and does not mind the religious activities found on campus. They have a new student center and cafeteria. Athletic facilities are outstanding. The majority of students participate in intramural sports; athletics are a big part of campus life. The college has exceptional programs in Theater, Physician's Assistant, Media and Film Studies, Pharmaceutical Marketing and other Health Sciences. The PA program is considered number one in the country and is more competitive in admittance than other programs at DeSales. Theater students are trained in every aspect of drama and

theater production, including costume design. The university's theater is commercial and runs profitable each year, holding about 100 performances yearly. Students are involved in marketing, set design, and all aspects of running the theater. There are also a lot of opportunities for internships in Philadelphia and New York City. DeSales is part of the Lehigh Valley Consortium, allowing students to cross register at nearby colleges.

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Dickinson College

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Dickinson's main claim to fame is its study abroad and foreign languages programs. Approximately 2300, mostly out-of-state students study at Dickinson, located in central PA. Political Science, Foreign Languages, English, Biological Sciences, and International Business are top programs. The courses are rigorous and reading and writing intensive. Classes tend to be on the smaller side. There is a rigorous 3+3 program with Penn States Dickinson School of Law, allowing students to get their JD in six years. Campus is located 20 miles from Harrisburg, the state capital, which has every fast-food restaurant and a Wal-Mart, but is lacking in other areas. Most of the social life occurs on campus, and students say that if you can't find something to do, you live in a closet. Students are open minded and global thinkers.

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Drew University

Madison, New Jersey

Located in suburban New Jersey with a population of about 1500 students, New York City is only a 30 minutes train ride away. Drew was founded as a Methodist university, but does not have religious tones. It has grown into a place where hands on learning, research, independent studies, and internships are just as important as classroom performance. There is no SAT/ACT requirement for entrance. 85% of the students live in campus housing, which offers single sex and co-ed dorms, as well as theme houses. Strong programs are Political Science, English, Biology, Psychology, and Theater. Professors say teaching at Drew is eclectic, very interesting, and enjoyable. It is easy to get involved and make friends, with more than 100 clubs on campus. Many students say that they feel like they make a difference on campus and in the community. The small campus has lots of trees and is generally not a rowdy social scene.

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Drexel University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Drexel is a technical university, in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. It is a career minded university, with solid academics. They have a great co-op education that gives students the opportunity to learn and make money by alternating semesters of work and education. The impressive campus boasts beautiful greens and gardens, despite its city location. With over 10,000 undergraduates, Drexel operates year round, helping the work/school balance. Professors move fast in courses to fit everything into the ten week semesters. Students can co-op almost anywhere in the country, or in eleven foreign countries. The campus lacks a sense of unity amongst their students, possibly because of the popularity of the co-op

program. Freshman can live in one of six co-ed residence halls and about a quarter of students live in campus dorms. The campus itself tends to be a bit deserted on the weekends since there are so many city opportunities at the student's finger tips.

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Duke University

Durham, North Carolina

Duke is known as the most prestigious private university of the South, with selective admissions and strong academic competitiveness. Duke is strong in Engineering, Humanities and numerous other disciplines. The campus is located in the North Carolina Forest and is divided into two main sections, with enough open space to make the nature enthusiast happy. With just over 6,000 undergraduates, students can opt for one of two different schools, the Pratt School of Engineering and Trinity College of Arts and Sciences. Students say that getting A's is hard, and teachers have high expectations. About half of students take part in the study abroad program, giving students a break from campus life. Students at Duke are driven and independent. Southern gentility is reflected in campus attire, which includes neatly pressed khakis on men, and dressy clothes on women, unlike the typical jeans and sweats that dominate most colleges. The dorms look like castles on the outside, and undergraduates are required to live on campus. The new dorms are said to be as nice as five star hotels. Seniors can move off campus, but apartments in the area vary in quality. Basketball season brings out Duke's school spirit and student support as they boast one of the nations perennial power- house teams.

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Duquesne University

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Duquesne is a mid-size university of about 5000 students, located in Pittsburgh about two miles from Carnegie Mellon and U Pitt. DU sits on top of a hill. The campus is fairly diverse, with about 20 percent minority enrollment. The campus itself is not large but it does enjoy the opportunities found in the city. Half of all students live on campus. There is a small football stadium on campus. Varsity athletics participate at the Division I level. Duquesne is well known for its programs in Media Communications, Health Sciences, Education, Business, and Music. As of 2007, DU is becoming more selective; traditionally the school has had an excellent academic reputation despite the fact that its admissions process is not too competitive. The typical student who comes here is very interested in city life and also in a specific major, such as Business Communications or Health Sciences.

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Earlham College

Richmond, Indiana

With just over 1100 students, Earlham is a top notch liberal arts college, but few people know where it is. It is located in Richmond, IN, just a quick drive from Cincinnati. Psychology is the most popular major there, but other strong majors include English, Biology, Politics, Sociology, and Art. Class discussion is the prominent learning style, and about ¾ of the students continue on to post-graduate studies. The dining hall is always prepared for the special needs of vegetarians and vegans, so there are always options. The student body is quite diverse for such a small school, with only 21% of them actually being from Indiana.

88% of students live on campus in 8 different residence halls, and there is a lottery for the remaining rooms for upperclassman. Alcohol is less prominent on this campus than most others in their social scenes. There is no Greek life on campus, so for activities, students rely on campus activities such as improv comedy, music, equestrian programs and different competitions, festivals, concerts, and sports. Students also have a great opportunity to get out into the city and volunteer through outreach programs.

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East Carolina University

Greenville, North Carolina

East Carolina University is a public school of about 18,000 students. The average class has twenty four students; however some introductory courses can have upwards of one hundred. ECU's diverse professors are knowledgeable and dedicated to their students. Nursing, education, broadcast journalism, business and psychology are among the most popular programs, though ECU offers nearly ninety majors. East Carolina is a large university; therefore students are in charge of their own success. There is age, political, and ethnic diversity among students, but most students are from North Carolina. Roughly a quarter of students are minorities, and they are very active. Student organizations regularly sponsor concerts, plays, and lectures. Thirty six Greek organizations draw only four percent of students, but they are visible and dominant on campus. A sort of "anything goes" style is apparent on campus; though nearly all students are friendly, there is no typical student here. Division I football and baseball draw the most spectators. Intramural and club sports are offered in every imaginable activity.

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Eastman School of Music

Rochester, New York

Eastman is a private, very small music school with only 500 students. The school is a division of the University of Rochester, so students have access to facilities there. Most students are performance majors, but music education, composition and theory are also popular. Classes are rigorous and thorough. Regardless of their instrument, all performance majors must be competent in piano. Students at Eastman live and breathe music. The Sibley Library, located on campus, boasts the nation's second largest music collection. Students may participate in athletics and extracurricular activities offered at U Rochester. There is one sorority and one fraternity and each has their own floor in the dorm. Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus; moving off campus junior and senior year is common. The campus is comprised of three buildings in downtown Rochester.

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Eckerd College

St. Petersburg, Florida

One of the Colleges That Changed Lives, Eckerd is a national liberal arts college with about 1500 students and is not looking to grow. Eckerd is not a status school and is completely undergraduate focused. They are strong in International Business, International Studies, Creative Writing, Environmental Studies, and have very strong study abroad programs. There is no Greek life on campus. They have a three week orientation program for incoming freshman. Students appear like public school students, in the way they dress and act, etc.

Students are independent, sensitive, confident, and givers. It is a clean, modern campus. Retired citizens who were executives take part in a volunteer program to mentor students. The student body is very accepting, and they have visiting authors like Elie Weisel and James Mitchner. The overwhelming number of tests are essay focused.

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Elmhurst College

Elmhurst, Illinois

Adjectives to describe their students are exciting, energetic, involved, family oriented, homebody, and social late bloomer. It is a nurturing place, 15 miles outside of downtown Chicago, great location in a safe quiet town. 38% of students live on campus. There are about 2000 students with many unique majors such as Jazz Studies, Fitness Management, and Religion. They have a very strong Jazz Fest, Spring Fling, and Freshman Orientation.

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Elon University

Elon, North Carolina

EU boasts a welcoming environment to its students along with a supportive faculty in the small town of Elon. The approximately 4600 students here put an emphasis on global perspectives and hands on learning. The academic climate here is becoming more competitive and demanding, as it has become more selective in recent years. Its strongest programs are in Business, Communications, Performing Arts, Psychology, Political Science, and Education. They have an elaborate support system to help first year students avoid falling through the cracks. Students say they believe in working hard and playing hard at Elon, and most of them have a good balance. Approximately 60% of students live on campus and the dorms are large and spacious. The Greek scene here is large, with between 25% to 50% of students taking part. There is a lot going on and the weekends are always packed with activities. Overall this is a very social school without outstanding faculty support, strong academics, outstanding facilities and a socially conservative student body that tends to be fashion conscious or preppy.

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Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Daytona, Florida

Embry-Riddle is a very strong Math and Science school, and students should come prepared having taken at least Pre Calculus in HS. The campus boasts outstanding equipment and great connections. They have wonderful flight simulation labs and very strong alumni mentors. Career Services begins in the freshman year and there are lots of residential activities on campus. Freshmen are required to take a College Success course. Embry-Riddle is located in Daytona, a tourist town that is not very college focused. They have a brand new student center. Everyone declares their major early on, with about one fifth of the student body joining the Airforce ROTC program. There is a flight strip right on campus. Students are guaranteed housing for the first two years.

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Emerson College

Boston, Massachusetts

Emerson College boasts one of the countries top student run radio stations. They also own their own theater. Emerson specializes in the Communication Arts, English, Broadcasting, Radio, TV, Films, and Marketing, digital and print design. They offer minimal financial aid, and are looking for students who are strong in English and have done well on the reading section of the SAT. Many programs require a portfolio, and many of the students overlap applications with NYU and Ithaca for their Film programs. The students at Emerson are very liberal, and proud about it. Many students look sort of “counter-culture” so this is not the place for a preppy, soft, shy student> It is more for the expressive student. Many of the faculty are part time because they work in the industries in which they teach. They have a new dining facility and dorm renovations were completed in the fall of 2006. They have no set campus, the Boston Common is their campus. Their basic infrastructure consists of 3 buildings, and housing is not guaranteed for the students, so many of them live in the city. It is not a place with a sense of connectedness. The Performing Arts is the most selective program, with Film coming in a close second. With the exception of those two programs, the admissions department will not consider you as an applicant based on your second choice major. The sound recording and technology equipment is state of the art, and the Marketing and Advertising program is very strong, using focus groups as is in the real world.

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Emmanuel College

Boston, Massachusetts

Traditionally a Catholic liberal arts and sciences school, it is located on a small 17 acre campus, with an outstanding location within walking distance to the Boston Symphony and Fenway Park. They have a brand new, state of the art student center, and they have a very traditional liberal arts and sciences core, with not many specialized or applied majors. They have a partnership with Merck Labs of Boston for student science research. It is not overly selective, and is on par academically with other small Massachusetts Catholic schools like Elms, Assumption, etc. Most of their students live on campus, with about 1100 students in total attendance and a 16:1 student to faculty ratio, lending itself to small class sizes. There are a high percentage of students involved with volunteer work such as the Senior Year Service-a-thon, after school tutoring programs, etc. In relation, there is also the Jean Yawkey Center for Community Leadership right on campus. They also have the Lynch Institute, which is committed to Math and Science careers in urban areas. It is a comprehensive school for the noncompetitive student who wants to attend a school in Boston and doesn't mind being at a smaller Catholic School but also enjoys school that feels like “family”. It has a family feel, and the campus went co-ed in 2004. On campus, social justice and ethics are important, and the religious studies requirement does not have to be in Catholicism, although 50% of the student body is Catholic.

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Emory University

Atlanta, Georgia

Located in a nice suburban area with lots of trees and beautiful homes, Emory's campus is incredible, large and stately. The college has a mix of liberal and conservative students.

At the FIT there are roughly 11,000 students. Among the most popular programs are fashion merchandising, fashion apparel, and design, advertising, commercial and advertising art, and illustration. There is a 5:1 female to male ratio. All classes have less than fifty students; the average is thirty. Classes at FIT provide students with real world experience with professors that work in the industry. The school is a public university; therefore students still must complete general education requirements to graduate through the SUNY system. Internships, study abroad opportunities, and over seventy clubs provide a wealth of resources for students to take advantage of. Subways lines are located right on campus. Much of the student body is commuters, so the campus life is lacking compared to other NYC schools. Students are very motivated and fashion conscious and tend. The university is ethnically and economically diverse, though nearly seventy percent of students are from New York. Most students are politically and socially liberal. The campus is located in Chelsea, a predominantly gay community, so students must be comfortable living in that environment. There are no Greek organizations. Very few varsity teams are available and few students take advantage of them.

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University of Florida

Gainesville, Florida

With nearly 50,000 students, the University of Florida is a high quality Southern university set on a heavily forested, two thousand acre campus. At the nation's fourth largest university you will find an extensive list of degree programs; only Ohio State and the University of Minnesota offer more programs on one campus. Student's seeking a pre-professional program will find UF's engineering, tax law and pharmacy programs exceptional. Independent, motivated students will find an abundance of academic resources at their fingertips, including the South's second largest academic computing center. Students in search of great weather paired with a diverse campus will find UF suitable, although the majority of their ethnically diverse student population calls Florida home. Perhaps this is because only one fifth of the universities undergrads live on campus. A long list of Greek organizations hold rush each spring and fall; most offer housing and meal services for their residents. UF's students are passionate about the schools nationally ranked athletic teams. For those who don't join one of their sixteen men's and women's teams, intramural sports and a large fitness facility are offered. Students say Gainesville is a great college town with a never-ending list of outdoor activities, shows, and beaches to visit.

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Florida Institute of Technology

Melbourne, Florida

FIT is known for its very diverse student body, hands on research for undergraduates, and the Business and Psychology programs. Most students there have a very specific major in mind. For the aerospace major, students get to fly in the first week to make sure they really want to fly. There is a new student center, so their residential/social life is much better in the last 5 years than it was previously. Within the last ten years, many new facilities have been constructed, including the Engineering Complex, Life Sciences building and a sports and recreational facility. They are trying to strengthen the Greek system as well, and trying to make a bigger emphasis on social life. Student advising is not that great. Housing is guaranteed for freshman and the average students per class are about 23. There are about 2600 students at FIT.

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Florida Southern College

Lakeland, Florida

Florida Southern is a small, private liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church. FSC's student body fosters a hospitable environment. Popular programs include business & marketing, education, visual & performing arts, social sciences, and communications & journalism. Classes are small and hands on with students receiving one-on-one attention from professors. Twenty percent of students participate in varsity or club sports. Fraternities and sororities often host parties in their on campus houses. Just over a quarter of students are commuters. For those who live on campus, there are strict co-ed visitation policies. FSC's unique facilities include a planetarium and a boathouse for water-skiing, kayaking, and sailing. Florida Southern is located 30 miles from Tampa and 50 miles from Orlando, and students often head to these cities on the weekends.

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Florida State University

Tallahassee, Florida

Situated on a compact campus full of sunshine, rolling hills and plenty of trees to sit beneath for shade, Florida State is just a half hour from the Gulf of Mexico. Dance, music, and theater are among the universities strongest programs, though FSU has twenty five programs rated exemplary by the state, including their notable natural science programs and the School of Motion Picture, TV and Recording Arts. Current students report a laid back academic environment although classes are demanding. Just over three-quarters of the school's 35,000 students come from Florida, but ethnically, the campus population is certainly diverse. Most students at Florida State tend to maintain conservative political views. Campus fraternities and sororities contribute to FSU's already thriving social scene; plays, concerts, bars and restaurants keep the students busy. The universities athletically strong teams attract quite a student body following. Florida State students take pride in their academically strong, athletically and socially flourishing university.

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Fordham University

Bronx, New York

Student's seeking classes in an urban environment, while still receiving individualized attention may find Fordham University a fit. The university's small classes allow generous student participation, with professors often engaging students in challenging classroom discussions. The student population is ethnically, politically, and socially diverse, regardless of this Jesuit school's lack of religious diversity. Academically, Fordham's strong programs include business, humanities, communications, theater, and drama. The university offers an abundance of on campus clubs and activities, and its prime location equals a never-ending list of New York City activities to participate in. The school offers Division One athletics, including their talented crew teams that compete along the Hudson River. Fordham's alumnae tend to remain loyal to their alma mater long after graduation, often connecting current students with internships in the city. Fordham is also a medium size school with benefits of larger schools coupled with those of smaller academic classes.

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Franklin and Marshall College

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Franklin and Marshall's fairly small campus is set in a quiet neighborhood in the historic city of Lancaster. Most of the fairly homogenous, middle class student body comes from the Mid-Atlantic States. Students seem to agree that though the coursework is rigorous, Franklin and Marshall's professors are outstanding. The college's strongest programs include the Natural Sciences, English and Business. Students looking for a college where they can participate in an independent study, research, or the chance to work one-on-one with faculty members might find Franklin and Marshall appealing. F&M is known for providing students with excellent preparation for medical school, law school, and postgraduate careers. Franklin and Marshall may be situated in a quiet area, but with 115 clubs, numerous intramural sports, nine fraternities, and three sororities, F&M's students are highly involved in activities outside the classroom.

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Franklin Pierce College

Rindge, New Hampshire

Set on a rural campus 50 miles from Manchester and an hour from Boston, Franklin Pierce has about 1500 students. The campus has an environmental, outdoorsy and artsy feel. It is located on a lake with boating and crew available. There is lots of outdoor recreation. As of 2003, the athletic center needed improvement. There is an honor code. The drinking policy is three strikes and you're out. Popular majors are mass communications, psychology, English and art. Glass blowing is an interesting major offered. Most classes have between 15 and 20 students; the largest has 50. There is a required career class and every major requires and internship, capstone class, or a thesis. Oral presentations are required in every class. There is an updated modern communications and political communications building on campus, the Marlin Fitzwater Communications Center; he was a presidential press secretary in the 90's. Many national political polls are held on campus. The school has political ties to Washington politicians. Freshmen are required to volunteer ten hours per semester. Every student organization is required to do one community service event and one fund raiser.

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Furman University

Greenville, South Carolina

Set on a 750 acre large campus on the outskirts of Greenville, Furman University's student population is composed of mostly white, conservative Christians. Much of the student body is indifferent to political and social issues, focusing more on academic, physical and spiritual development. Classes tend to have less than 25 students, resulting in an interactive classroom experience lead by passionate professors. The university's psychology, chemistry, music, history and biology programs are most notable, as well as their hands on political science program. Students are given the opportunity to participate in debates, D.C. internships, and foreign travel. Virtually all of Furman's 3,000 students live on the dry campus, where rules are strictly enforced in the freshman and sophomore dorms. Roughly one third of Furman's men and woman participate in Greek Life, and over two thirds participate in intramural sports. Collegiate athletic teams include a notable rugby and handball team, as well as a variety of other sports to choose from.

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Gannon University

Erie, Pennsylvania

This institution is home to motivated students. Gannon is a regional university. Forty percent of students enroll in Gannon's health science programs, which are very strong. This urban school is located on a lake. The university fosters a mix of intellectual, professional and personal development. Many Catholic traditions are followed. Students are required to live in dorms for the first two years. The campus is two hours from Pittsburgh. Gannon offer Division II athletics.

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University of Georgia

Athens, Georgia

The University of Georgia is a great place for independent students who won't let the school's flourishing social environment get in their way. The majority of Georgia's 25,000 undergrads come from the state's public high schools, and students don't tend to be politically active. The school's academic competition has intensified since the introduction of an impressive financial aid program covering tuition, books, and most fees for many instate students. Strong programs include life sciences, ecology and environmental studies, business, agriculture, and education, to name a few. The 700 acre campus is set in Athens, an ultimate college town, and requires students to live on campus freshman year, offering a nationally recognized food service program. With over 500 student organizations, including 40 fraternities and sororities, this highly social campus keeps its students busy. UGA's football team is worshipped by students and local residents. The school offers other notable varsity teams, in addition to tennis and racquetball courts, a pool, and a paved 13 mile trail for students seeking a safe place to exercise.

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Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, Georgia

This technological university offers academically sound engineering, computer science, and architecture programs, as well as liberal arts degrees. Georgia Tech is home to a highly diverse group of students seeking a challenging academic environment and rigorous classes. Politics don't seem to be an issue on this campus, perhaps because these highly motivated students are so focused on academics. More than 3,000 of the school's mostly male students participate in their popular Co-op program, which allows students to earn money while learning hands on while adding a year onto their college experience. Fraternities and sororities are popular on campus, and offer chapter houses for members to live in. Athletics are taken very seriously on this campus, and numerous campus traditions give the students a break from the intense learning environment.

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Georgetown University

Washington D.C.

Georgetown University is home to roughly 13,000 academically strong students. Located in a city with unparalleled cultural resources, Georgetown is a great place for students in search of an internationally and ethnically diverse education. The hilly, historical campus set by the Potomac River allows students to study and reside in buildings once used by pioneers of the

U.S. government. Students tend to be attracted to the campus' proximity to the infinite supply of educational resources held in the Washington D.C. area. Most people agree that D.C. is the ideal college city with museums, shopping, night life and convenient public transportation. While all of Georgetown's degree programs are strong, chemistry, government, international relations, diplomatic history, international economics, and philosophy are among the most notable. Most of the undergrad student body resides on campus, where they have access to an impressive library, resume building clubs, organizations and an extensive list of study abroad opportunities to choose from. Georgetown may be the nations most selective Jesuit university, but it's religious affiliation is in no way overwhelming.

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Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Situated in the heart of historical Gettysburg. 2,600 students. Students seeking close student/faculty relationships and structured internships and co-op will find these opportunities at Gettysburg. On campus students have access to a high-tech Science Center, the 400,000 volume Musselman Library, the impressive Civil War Institute, and the college's own journal, the *Gettysburg Review*. Among the college's strongest programs are English, history, psychology, business, political science, and natural sciences. Gettysburg College sponsors an assortment of academic opportunities such as dual degree programs, semesters at United Nations or Washington D.C., and summer co-op research projects. The student body is composed of mostly white, middle and upper middle class students, many of whom participate in Greek organizations and tend to be conservative politically.. Outside the classroom a variety of community service activities are available for student participation. Nearly a quarter of Gettysburg College students participate in one or more of their strong Division III athletic teams.

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Gordon College

Wenham, Massachusetts

This Evangelical college is set on heavily forested land on the North Shore of Massachusetts. About 1,500 hardworking, Christian students live together on campus. There is little ethnic diversity at Gordon, but many of the mainly white, middle class students come from other states. Though Faith and Spirituality courses are a must, students say the religious aspect of the college provides a relaxing experience, unlike other overwhelming Christian schools. Popular majors include Biblical and theological studies, English, business, and social sciences. Student-teacher relationships are strong at Gordon, where students say their faculty is exceptional. On campus, there is a no tolerance policy for alcohol and smoking, as well as no Greek organizations. Nevertheless, students keep the social setting pleasant and relaxing, volunteering their time in missionary work in local prisons and churches, supporting their Division III athletic teams, or participating in intramural activities. Gordon College primly located: close by the beach and minutes from a T-stop, giving students a quick ride into Boston for weekend fun!

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Goucher College

Baltimore, Maryland

At Goucher College, creative and analytical students study in an academically demanding environment. The student body is about 65% female, and similar to Wheaton College in Massachusetts. The school's strong science and dance programs attract the most students, but they offer a wide variety of impressive majors. Regardless of the degree program, all students are required to participate in Goucher's exceptional internship program, and many participate in the Honors program. Student-teacher relationships seem great, due to small class size and Goucher's devoted faculty. Most of the college's 2,400 students come from the Mid-Atlantic States, and the majority resides on the flourishing, landscaped campus. Socially, the campus is somewhat quiet, but students make up for it by traveling to local colleges in search of excitement. Greek organizations are not present on campus; however the school does offer athletic teams, an equestrian ring, a swimming pool, driving range and much more to keep active students busy.

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Grinnell College

Grinnell, Iowa

This is one of the wealthiest schools in the country with a 20 billion dollar endowment. The inventor of the Intel Chip is an alumnus of Grinnell. It boasts a very politically active, socially conscious, international student body. The school spends hundreds of thousands of dollars every year on art performances that are all free to the students. There is no added cost to study abroad, and 60% participate with 70 different study abroad programs. The students are said to be sophisticated, and liberal, and the academics are very student centered. The campus is beautiful, and they bring in over 500 speakers a year. 85% of the students that go there go on to get a PhD. Their strongest programs are Foreign Languages, Biology, Chemistry, and History. Students come here for the rich curriculum, outstanding academic opportunities. The college guarantees four years of campus housing, and 87% of students live on campus in the dorms. All but two of the dorms are co-ed, and after freshman year students can choose rooms based on a lottery system. The town of Grinnell is known as a quaint, rural town that students say is friendly and laid back. Community service is known to help bridge the town and the college, with some students serving as tutors and student teachers at local high schools, and others working in mentoring programs or providing community meals.

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Guilford College

Greensboro, North Carolina

Guilford College has Quaker heritage and is set on a forested campus. Some of the most notable programs are physics, psychology, geology, business management, education, and peace and conflict studies. Professors at Guilford College are constantly challenging students and leading meaningful discussions on real life issues. High levels of class participation are expected. The student-faculty relationships are great. The fairly small student body is ethnically and regionally diverse. Most students are politically liberal and socially active; many are in search of a way to change the world. Guilford's passionate students are often found debating or protesting political and social issues on campus, some even heading to

Washington D.C. to support their cause. The social life on campus incorporates mostly campus clubs and organizations, as well as school sponsored outdoor activities.

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Gustavus Adolphus College

St. Peter, Minnesota

Named after a Swedish King, Gustavus Adolphus is a rural campus in a residential neighborhood, about an hour and a half from Minneapolis. The campus has a lot of bronze statues on it produced by artist/alumni. Though there is a chapel on campus it is a nonsectarian college. Core values are excellence, community, service, justice, and values. The student body of 2500 is fairly regional. Science, premed, music and education are the strongest programs, but the most popular programs are the social sciences. Students are very grounded, wholesome, homogeneous and modest. There is not a lot of activism, yet students aren't conservative. The campus is very welcoming and cozy. Faculty members live near by and provide exceptional advising. 80% of students graduate in four years. Students take a Freshman Seminar, and numerous writing intensive courses. Classes are shut down for two days when GA hosts the Nobel lecture series, sponsored by the Nobel foundation in Sweden. They also host a diversity related building bridges conference. There are two core curricula, though students select most of their courses. There is only one lecture hall on campus; the largest class has 65 students, but most are much smaller. There is a creative, out-of-a-box program where you travel with sixty students, participating in special activities and field trips. Students finish with a senior paper. The Lilly Foundation provided a grant to fund the center for vocational reflection, designed to help explore core values in career exploration. There is a brand new campus center. A lot of student organizations surround outreach and service. A very strong theater group is involved with social justice. Except for students applying for merit scholarships, submitting SAT scores is optional. Merit scholarships generally range from \$10,000 to \$13,000 dollars a year, meeting 89% of students' financial need.

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Hamilton College

Clinton, New York

Located 3 miles from Colgate College in Clinton, NY. There is a mall close by and a free shuttle service. More laid back student body than at Colgate, less formal looking school, students are very friendly. It's a combination of earthy crunchy and preppy students. There is a Greek system but they have no housing; it is primarily socially focused. There is economic diversity on campus but there is a need for more ethnic diversity. Most kids come from the suburbs. There are many campus speakers and events promoted. Volunteering is very big. Athletics are not as big as they are at Colgate. The campus has a very historic and natural feel to it and a revolutionary colonial look to it. Eighty percent of students do volunteer work. They have a nine-hole golf course on campus. About forty percent of students participate in intercollegiate athletics and 55 percent in intramural sports. The population of the school is about 1800 students. On average most students meet with professors and have one on one lunch or dinner about ten times. They have no distribution requirements in their curriculum compared to most liberal arts colleges; there is an open curriculum with strong advising. It is a writing rich curriculum, even in math courses. Part of the core curriculum includes three writing intensive courses. Use of the writing center is required for the first paper of the first

writing intensive class. They have a sophomore seminar with 16 students and 2 professors per class. It is an interdisciplinary class where students do research and a presentation. Most classes are discussion oriented. The library is open 24/7. They have a brand new science building as of 2005. Lots of research opportunities are available. Students have to do a senior thesis. Student orientation is one week long and includes outdoor recreation and volunteer work. There is a strong honor code where no exams are proctored. There is an honor court comprised of students and faculty. Students take four courses per semester. The college president has a coffee hour, open to all students to come talk to him. Hamilton has one of the top ten endowments nationally. They went coed in 1969. Hamilton has a very large, spread out campus relative to the number of students. They have Division III sports, an on campus ice rink, and a walking bridge connecting Hamilton and the old Kirkland campus. Most students do not lock their doors because of the honor code. In the first two years, six classes have less than 15 students.

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Hamline University

St. Paul, Minnesota

This urban school has a beautiful campus set on about sixty acres. There are 2,000 undergraduate students and the same number of graduate students. Hamline University is primarily a liberal arts and sciences university. Every student must take part in an internship and independent study. The university offers undergraduate research and languages across the curriculum. Students may live on or off campus. Ninety percent of first year students live on campus; overall, 85 percent live within nine blocks. Twenty percent of students cross register at other St. Paul or Minneapolis schools, which are located across the river.

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Hampton University

Hampton, Virginia

Hampton University is home to 5,000 socially and politically liberal students. The University is made up of six undergraduate colleges. The most popular majors are journalism, biology, psychology, nursing, and the most prestigious, the business program. Students can appreciate small classes and quality teaching at Hampton. They offer fourteen Masters Programs, and Doctorates in Pharmacy, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Physics. The student body is ninety percent African American students; there is little diversity. Students are mostly middle to upper class, and their economic status is apparent through their clothes and cars. Nearly a 2:1 female to male ratio exists. Having a car on campus is necessary. While the athletes at Hampton exhibit school spirit, the rest of the student body is not as supportive. Varsity teams participate in Division II and a handful of club and intramural sports are also available. Though Greek organizations do exist, they have little to no influence on campus life. The local areas of Virginia Beach, Newport News, and Norfolk have bars, nightclubs, and shopping areas for students who want to venture out of Hampton. However, the city of Hampton is generally a military area and not very exciting.

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Hampden-Sydney College

Hampden-Sydney, Virginia

With just 1,000 students, the all male student body at Hamden-Sydney is one close knit group. The college is set on a fairly large, rural campus surrounded by forests and farms. Virtually all of the students are conservative Republicans, with little ethnic diversity amongst them. Strong majors include economics, English, natural sciences, and an internationally recognized rhetoric program. Because of the college's small size, most classes have less than 25 students, creating an opportunity for close nit student-faculty relationships. Class attendance policies tend to be strict. Most students at Hamden-Sydney College live on campus, and housing is guaranteed all four years. The social scene tends to revolve around Greek life; roughly one third of students join. Varsity football and basketball draw plenty of spectators, and student intramurals are available as well. A few all women's colleges are close by, where Hamden-Sydney students are often found breaking from the school's all male environment.

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Hampshire College

Amherst, Massachusetts

Hampshire College is for the passionate, independent student interested in a non-traditional education. The campus is set on orchards, farmland and forest in the heart of Western Massachusetts' Five College Consortium. Students can take classes and use facilities at any of the five participating school's at no extra cost. Students at Hampshire are often found debating social issues or starting their own unique clubs. Instead of letter grades, professors give evaluations and critiques and assign portfolios and projects rather than tests. The absence of traditional grading procedures allows for a noncompetitive, liberating academic environment. Attentive professors provide challenging classes for students. Almost all students live on campus. On campus there is a small library, but the five accessible campus libraries together contain over 8 million volumes. Athletics at Hampshire College are mostly noncompetitive coed clubs and intramurals. Hampshire's social environment is flourishing; the school is located in the heart of Amherst, an ideal college town, and just minutes from Northampton. Between the two towns there is an endless list of places to go and things to do.

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Hartwick College

Oneonta, New York

This liberal arts college is home to about 1,500 students. Roughly one in ten students has a minority background. From Hartwick there is a beautiful view of the Susquehanna Valley. The hillside, environmental campus offers plenty of outdoor activities for students. Strong programs include management, biology, psychology, nursing and elementary education. The school offers competitive academics, and all classes are taught in full by professors. Students are encouraged to study abroad, especially during their freshman year and the four week January term. Soccer is huge at Hartwick College; in fact, it is the only Division I sport offered. (All other athletics are Division III or intramural.) Freshman, sophomore and junior students are required to live on the friendly campus. Some students participate in Greek organizations and campus sponsored activities, and others travel into the city of Oneonta to local bars and restaurants for excitement.

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Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Harvard University, possibly the most prestigious university in existence, provides students with access to accomplished professors and state-of-the-art resources. Set in Harvard Yard, this campus contains many historical buildings and beautiful housing accommodations. Getting in to Harvard may be the hardest part. Students must be ambitious, independent and motivated to take advantage of everything the university has to offer. Many introductory classes are taught by graduate students, which students say has its ups and downs. Though all programs are exceptional, the best known are economics, government, biology, English, and biochemistry. One third of the diverse student body is composed of minority students, and students come from all states and many countries. Their impeccable squash and crew teams are just two of Harvard's forty-one varsity teams; more teams are offered here than at any other school. Small groups of students tend to gather on campus or ride into Boston for fun; but it isn't uncommon for students to spend their weekends studying.

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Haverford College

Haverford, Pennsylvania

Haverford is small school with only 1,100 students; nevertheless it is a prestigious liberal arts college. The campus is on a 200 acre, beautiful, green and tree lined space with very historic buildings. The campus is a national arboretum. Though the school has no official religious affiliation, Quaker philosophies and honor code are ever-present. Students can arrange their own tests without a proctor present and are expected to follow underage drinking laws. The peaceful, forested campus has virtually no crime. Haverford students, the majority of whom were high school varsity athletes, are required to take athletic credits. Strong majors include the biological and physical sciences, English, history, political science and economics. Since more than half of the college's professors live on campus, faculty members are easily accessible to students. For a small college the campus is quite diverse, though most students are agreeably liberal. Very few students live off campus, though almost half of students study abroad during junior year. Ethics are weaved into many academic areas. Haverford is a non-competitive, studious atmosphere that fosters individuality, self expression, and questioning. Alumni are very supportive in providing internships. Faculty members are very accessible, yet demanding. As opposed to other colleges with heavy administrative rules, Haverford puts responsibility on students to make decisions and live with consequences. There is a strong honor code, affecting students academically and socially. Exams are not proctored, but are timed and often take home. Most students participate in cross registration opportunities and social events at Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore, and U Penn. Haverford and Bryn Mawr students may live on one another's campuses. Roughly a quarter of the students major in a subject based from one of the other campuses. There is a new 24 million dollar sports facility. Overall the school has a casual feel, absent of pretense. Students here are fairly athletic and social and have a similar intellectual drive to students at Bates.

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University of Hawaii at Manoa

Honolulu, Hawaii

This university's large student population comes together on a tropically landscaped, beautiful campus. As with most big schools, independent, motivated students are more likely to

succeed here. Among the strongest programs offered are astronomy, Asian and Pacific area studies, languages, travel industry management, ethnomusicology, tropical agriculture, and geosciences. Although the school has extensive core requirements, students say it's hard to avoid getting caught up in the relaxing Hawaii environment. Unlike most United States universities, most students at UH are of Asian descent; only about twenty percent of students are Caucasian and roughly the same percentage live on campus. Because the school has so many commuters, the campus quiets down after classes end for the week. Few students participate in Greek organizations. Athletics are highly celebrated, but most students tend to head off campus for social entertainment.

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Hendrix College

Conway, Arkansas

This Southern liberal arts college is home to a liberal student body. Hendrix College is set between two mountains and is populated by many trees and blooming flowers. The campus is small and with only 1,000 students, the student body is as well. The environment and globalization are hot issues at Hendrix, and conservative ideas aren't welcomed by most students. The most popular degree programs are biology and psychology, but other notable majors include chemistry, history, religion, politics and English. The academics are challenging, and many opportunities for undergrad research are available. Almost half the study body participates in study abroad. Nearly everyone lives on campus, adding to the campus sense of community. Basketball, soccer, baseball and softball are popular; however the school doesn't have a football team. Though Greek organizations are absent, annual traditions and campus events carry on each year, offering students the chance to participate in activities.

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Hiram College

Hiram, Ohio

Hiram College, a liberal arts college set on a hilltop campus, challenges its students with an extensive core studies curriculum. The small student population is reflected in small class sizes, where professors regularly give out their home phone numbers. The school has a very quaint historical charm to it. It feels like a cross between U Delaware, Wheaton, and Philadelphia University. Campus is 110 acres, located a half hour from Cleveland. Students get outstanding attention from professors. Hiram provides students with great travel abroad programs, and more than half take advantage of it. Strong majors include biology, chemistry, environmental studies, and communications. The school has one of the top Medical school placement records based on percentage of students. The academic calendar is called the "Hiram Plan," including two 15 week sessions, each comprised of 12 weeks of class, one week off and a three week independent study, internship, or out of class experience. Many internship opportunities exist in Cleveland. All majors require a capstone course in Senior Year. All aspects of diversity are widely accepted at Hiram, where anonymity is not an option. Most students are from Ohio or surrounding states, and about one tenth of the student body is ethnically diverse. Division III sports are available. A new science building was

added in 2000 and a new sports facility in 2004. Because the campus is somewhat secluded, students are often responsible for creating their own entertainment. There are often campus sponsored events to participate in, as well as day trips to local attractions.

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Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Geneva, New York

Though Hobart College is all male and William Smith College is all female, students take classes, eat together, and even live in co-ed dorms together. Each school has its own dean, admissions and student government. Small classes are a given at H-WS, and all teaching is done by a full professor. The strongest programs include creative writing, environmental studies, architectural studies, biology, political science, history, economics, and education. Passionate, motivated students fit in here, and most tend to be politically liberal. Housing is guaranteed to students all four years. The Campus Activities Board provides events every weekend, though many students head off campus to fraternity houses. As for athletics, the teams draw a lot of participation and support from the student body. Men's lacrosse is Division I, while all others are Division III. Alumni seem to remain loyal to the traditional colleges long after graduation.

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Hofstra University

Hempstead, New York

Hofstra, a gorgeous campus located on Long Island, is home to 8,000 students. At times it can seem like a suitcase school, since only a third of students live on campus. Recent improvements have been made to the campus' academic facilities, including classrooms, faculty offices and adding state-of-the-art technology to the campus. Hofstra offers a wide variety of majors. The most popular degree programs are business and marketing, communications, psychology, education and social sciences. Though lower level core requirement classes may seem unnecessary, the quality of teaching improves as students enter more advanced classes. The campus is very diverse. Ethnically speaking; only 60% of students are white. Roughly one third of students come from outside New York. Most students are Christian or Jewish. Students are politically active and very assertive, possible due to the proximity to New York City. Though both sides of the spectrum are represented, the campus sways liberal. Division I athletics are available, but intramurals draw more student involvement. Football, basketball and lacrosse draw the most student support. Greeks are very visible at events and bars; however students uninterested in joining can find their niche in other student organizations. Hofstra is located in Nassau County, a densely populated area thirty minutes from New York City. Students complain most about the endless traffic jams. The nightlife on Long Island is never ending, so students seeking excitement never bore!

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Hollins University

Roanoke, Virginia

With less than 1,000 students, this all female university is full of outspoken, nonconforming women. Half the students are from out of state, and 85 percent are white. Most classes have

less than twenty-five students and none have over fifty. Students may take classes at any institutions participating in the Seven-College Exchange. Strong majors include English and creative writing, psychology, communication studies, biology, art and performance. The majority of students live on campus; some of the dorms are old houses with large porches and hardwood floors. Roanoke is a small city with some restaurants, clubs and unique stores. Students participate in the University's silly traditions, and their Outdoor Program offers many outdoor activities. There are no sororities at Hollins University, but equestrian, tennis, swim, fencing and lacrosse teams are available, amongst many others.

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College of the Holy Cross

Worcester, Massachusetts

Holy Cross has one of the top three alumni networks in the country, after Notre Dame and Boston College. They have an updated gorgeous campus built on a hill in Worcester, MA. The college is home to 3,000 students with Division I athletics. It is known as a small alternative to Boston College, with supportive academics, a strong judicial policy, and a very traditional, conventional curriculum. The academics are mostly made up of liberal arts and sciences, with very few applied majors, and are part of the Worcester Consortium so students may register for courses at other area colleges such as Clark and WPI. There is a pub located on campus, and optional dorms organized by interest areas. First year internships are available to freshmen and the professors are close with their students, offering them a supportive learning style. There are @30 clergy that live on campus, with half of them part of the teaching staff. Free shuttles to Providence and Boston all weekend day and night for social activities are offered, and sports are a big tradition on campus. Students are dedicated, hardworking, goal oriented, involved, and very ambitious. Volunteer work is a big part of the student culture. Holy Cross boasts one of the most stocked libraries nationally. They are a test optional school, but strong merit scholarships are offered for those that submit their scores. The campus is not very diverse, and there are no fraternities or sororities. Holy Cross is a small, liberal arts, Jesuit college, is 60% Catholic, and exclusively undergraduate.

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Hood College

Frederick, Maryland

This liberal arts college began allowing male students to live on campus in 2003, but the student body is still mostly female. The students are economically, ethnically, and culturally diverse, so at Hood there is no "typical" student. Roughly half the student body lives on this small campus, just an hour's drive from Washington D.C. and Baltimore. Student's say the faculty is very accessible and that all classes are taught in full by a professor; only labs are taught by graduate students. Hood's biology department is especially strong, along with English, education, psychology, communications and management. Honor and social codes govern Hood College, where students can schedule their own final exams and dormitories are governed by the students rather than RA's. The campus' social scene is centered in the dorms, campus parties, dances and movies. For students interested in entertainment off campus, there are restaurants, clubs, bars, and malls within minutes of Hood.

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Hope College

Holland, Michigan

This medium size college is set on six blocks, a short ride from Lake Michigan. Hope is a conservative Christian college, although students say it is more liberal than most Christian schools. There are far more women on campus than men and the friendly student body seems to be homogeneously white and Christian, with little exception. All students, with the exception of those who are married, are required to live on campus until senior year. Among the strongest programs are: biology, chemistry, dance, education, English, political science, psychology and religion. New communications and science facilities were recently added to the campus. Many students at Hope participate in one of thirteen local fraternities and sororities. The Social Activities Committee offers frequent activities like movies, comedians and bands. Though they are Division III, sports at Hope College are huge. Swimming and football are popular, but the school has quality sports teams overall.

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Houghton College

Houghton, New York

This liberal arts college is home to conservative, Christian students. Few minority students study at Houghton, and just over half the students are from New York. The large, rural campus is set in a small town. All students are required to attend chapel three times a week. Included in tuition is a laptop, part of an initiative to keep the campus' technology updated. Houghton's strongest programs are music, biology, bible, English and education. Students say the faculty are interesting accessible. There are many opportunities to travel, from study abroad to the American Studies program in D.C. Students are required to live on campus their first two years; in-room visitation is not allowed. Community service is important to students at Houghton, and because the town is "dry," so is the campus. Students in search of a secluded, Christian campus with natural beauty and few distractions may want to take a second look at Houghton.

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Howard University

Washington D.C.

This historically black school is set in one of the United States' best college cities. Most of Howard's 11,000 students are middle class, liberal African American men and women. Less than half live on campus. Strong programs include biology, psychology, business, history and communications programs, as well as impressive accelerated programs for students pursuing a medical or dental degree. All over campus many academic facilities have been renovated in the past few years. The highly motivated and career minded student body tends to be competitive in all aspects of university life. Few students participate in fraternities and sororities, although they seem to be an important part of the social life on campus. Athletics are huge, especially soccer, basketball, football and volleyball. When students are looking to escape academics, most are found at sporting events, on campus parties, and local bars and restaurants.

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Hunter College

New York, New York

Hunter College is located in a wealthy neighborhood, close by Central Park. Popular majors include social sciences, English literature and language, psychology, visual and performing arts, and communications and journalism. Hunter's nursing program is one of New York City's best. Each department has at least a handful of exceptional professors. Most classes have between 20 and 50 students. The college has a dual degree program in nursing and public health, and offers accelerated bachelors and masters programs for many majors. A 2:1 female to male ratio exists. Hunter's campus has students of every economic, ethnic, and religious background. Most students are politically uninvolved, but those who are active tend to be liberal. An underground sports complex, the deepest building in Manhattan, is available to students. Less than five percent of students are lucky enough to live in Hunter's comparably affordable housing facilities. Athletics are not supported by students; Division III teams exist but most students seem apathetic about them. Hunter's one fraternity and four sororities are virtually nonexistent on campus after recruitment. There is a plethora of academic, cultural, religious, arts, media, special interest and honors organizations on campus; enough for every student to get involved. As with most cities, parking is an issue, so students who commute use public transportation. The subway stops a few steps from the campus buildings. Hunter is a public university, so students receive a more reasonably priced NYC education than students attending private schools.

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University of Illinois-Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

UIC is a public university located in Downtown Chicago. Though the campus is lacking geographic diversity, over 60% of students come from a minority background. All economic levels are represented. Most of UIC's 15,000 undergrads are in-state students. The vast majority of students live off campus. It is common for a student to be juggling work, school and a family. The university boasts impressive math and science programs, as well as quality engineering, nursing and business programs. UIC has the nation's second largest medical school campus. Top notch students can be admitted into graduate programs, including the med school, upon admission into their freshman year. Math and science courses can have up to 350 students, while less popular liberal arts courses tend to have about 30. Larger classes have multiple TA's. Recently, a new student center and café were added. Greek organizations are limited. The men's basketball team draws crowds, and while athletes are treated well by the school, other teams do not seem to draw much support. Chicago is praised for its diversity; the campus is within walking distance of Little Italy, Greektown and Chinatown. Free access to Chicago's public transportation system is provided in tuition.

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, Illinois

Most of this university's 37,000 students are from Illinois, and the university tends to attract those who are socially and athletically oriented. Roughly one third of students live on campus, and many others live in Greek housing. There are more than one hundred fifty degree programs; engineering and business are among the most prestigious, followed by agriculture, education, architecture, psychology, and accounting. An abundance of academic resources are available, from the world's largest public university library to a quality honors program.

Class sizes range from twenty students to 750 seat lectures. For such a large school, students say that the enthusiastic faculty works hard to keep students happy. Ninety one Greek organizations and over twelve hundred clubs leave students with endless social opportunities. At the University of Illinois there are extensive athletic facilities available for the Division I teams, intramural sports, and a strong disabled students athletic program.

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Illinois Institute of Technology

Chicago, Illinois

IIT is a medium sized school with about 6,000 students. The student body is mostly male, and half come from out of state. The 120 acre campus is set on six blocks in urban Chicago. To succeed at this technical school, students must be computer literate and math and science savvy. Students can expect to participate in many group projects, and coop opportunities are available. Nearly all classes have less than fifty students, and more than half have less than twenty five. Professors teach all classes at IIT, some of whom are Nobel Prize winners. Teaching assistants are available for extra help and labs. All of IIT's engineering programs are outstanding; additionally, their architecture and physics programs are great. Some students participate and live in fraternities and sororities, but the schools athletic teams aren't very popular. On this campus, it is up to the students to create the own social entertainment. In the heart of Chicago there is always something to do.

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Indiana University

Bloomington, Indiana

With more that 38,000 students, this huge campus in southern Indiana is the prime example of a booming Midwestern university. The University has rolling admissions, and requirements are set higher for out of state students. As with most large schools, introductory courses tend be on the large side. However, students say teaching and advising are high quality. Accounting, business, chemistry, journalism, languages, music and optometry are among the most notable programs. Outstanding resources are found all over campus, like a top notch music school, a new Education Center, and The Kinsey Institute for the Study of Human Sexual Behavior. Students come from every state and over one hundred countries, but ethnically speaking, Indiana needs improvement. The student body doesn't seem focused on political issues. Many men and women go Greek. For those who don't, the nations largest Student Union offers tons of social activities. Nearly sixty percent of students live off campus. Although Indiana is known for its basketball program, their athletics are high quality overall.

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Iona College

New Rochelle, New York

Located in New York, twenty minutes from NYC and accessible by a train right outside campus. The campus has a small condensed feel and is racially diverse. Students are friendly and receive a lot of attention from faculty. Weekend social life can be quieter than during the week. Internships are very strong because of Iona's location. Science and Business programs are highly nationally accredited. There is only one lecture hall on campus. All other classes are held in small classrooms. The largest class has about thirty students. There are no teaching

assistants. Some sports are Division I, such as basketball, and there is a football field right in the center of campus. As of 2004 they have brand new athletic facility. The international student body is pretty large. About half of all students live off campus. There is an excellent campus newspaper and a good sense of community. The school has one of the best learning and academic support programs in the country.

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University of Iowa

Iowa City, Iowa

On campus teaching hospital provides hands on learning for students in dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health and medicine. Other strong programs are theater arts, dance, music, printmaking, business, social and behavioral sciences, space physics and paleontology. The University of Iowa has one of the nation's top creative writing programs. A Four Year Graduation guarantee program exists so students aren't delayed by the unavailability of a class. Most classes have less than fifty students, which isn't all that bad for a university of 30,000 students. Minorities account for fewer than ten percent of the student body; however students say the campus is highly tolerant of individuality and diversity. Less than a third of the students live in the campus' coed dorms, where students tend to hang out. Performances and athletic events on campus usually draw crowds, but many students head to the downtown area off campus for social excitement. Students can join Greek organizations, although they aren't the social nucleus of the university. Wrestling is huge at Iowa, and football is a second favorite.

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Iowa State University

Ames, Iowa

Iowa State University maintains its close knit sense of community despite being home to nearly 28,000 students. The campus is mostly white, Iowan students; however efforts are being made to bring more diversity to campus. Though Iowa offers over one hundred major programs, engineering, agriculture, design, and veterinary medicine stand out among the best. The school offers an outstanding study or work abroad program. Despite the fact that only one third of students live on campus, the university's social scene tends to centralize on the campus. Students say Ames is a great college town. Many students participate in fraternities and sororities. Men's and women's basketball are both regular NCAA tournament participants; wrestling is huge as well. Iowa has one of the nation's strongest intramural programs, with eighty percent student body participation, unbelievable for a school this large!

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Ithaca College

Ithaca, New York

Often compared to BU, Syracuse and NYU, Ithaca is well known for its programs in the arts and media, physical therapy, communications, and the natural sciences. Its size is perfect for students seeking a close knit university experience while maintaining a diverse campus. The college offers over one hundred degree programs. Most classes have between 25 and 27 students, and professors teach all classes. Teaching assistants are available for extra help. About half of Ithaca's student body comes from New York. There is a lack of ethnic diversity

on campus; most students are liberal and “artsy.” Housing is guaranteed for everyone who wants to live on campus. The only Greek organizations on campus are academic fraternities. Ithaca has plenty of activities on and off campus for student participation, despite their long, cold winters. Many students travel to close by Cornell on the weekends. Ithaca offers Division 3 athletics, as well as two levels of intramurals. Ithaca College provides its students with personal attention and great academic opportunities. It is also known as a work hard-play hard student body.

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John Carroll University

University Heights, Ohio

John Carroll is a Jesuit University of about 3500 students in a beautiful neighborhood, six miles from downtown Cleveland. Overall the school teaches good values and has a beautiful, spread out campus. John Carroll has architecture similar to Villanova. Many opportunities are available in Cleveland, and the school has a strong core curriculum. Top majors include Business, Communications, English and Biology. The curriculum is flexible for students to switch majors. Housing is guaranteed for four years. The majority of students live on campus or in near by apartments. Only ten percent commute to home. The same percentage participates in Greek life. The neighborhood of the school is called University Heights, similar to Chestnut Hill in Boston. The university has a very strong football tradition. Don Shula went there. There is a new eight million dollar stadium and a 66 million dollar science center. Their basketball team is a perennial sweet sixteen Division Three contender. There is a very strong Alumni Network; columnist Tim Russert was a graduate. Biology majors can take advantage of the resources of the Cleveland Clinic. Only 63 percent of the students are Catholic. There are no specifically required religion classes. The school can be compared to Providence College and Holy Cross, though it is not as religious and strict and students have a lower per capita income.

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The Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, Maryland

This elite, midsize university is known for its top notch professors, resources and research opportunities. JHU offers a competitive and challenging academic environment; slackers beware. The University is most well known for its first-rate premed program, however biomedical engineering, biology, history, English, philosophy are also remarkable. The school’s hospital affiliation provides students with exceptional research opportunities. At John Hopkins, the student body of 5,500 is remarkably diverse, ethnically and socially. Most students come from the Mid-Atlantic States and New England, with only around ten percent from Maryland. The women’s and men’s lacrosse teams are national powerhouses, and have a huge student following. About one fifth of students join Greek life. For students looking to travel off campus, downtown Baltimore is close by and Washington D.C. and Annapolis are both less than an hour.

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Johnson and Wales University

Providence, Rhode Island

Johnson and Wales is a career oriented university. They offer both two year and four year degrees in practical areas, such as business, technology, culinary arts, hospitality, equine management, and sports management. The business school has many specific concentrations, including entrepreneurship, financial service, food marketing, retail marketing, tourism, and accounting. The university has about 6000 students. Though the main campus is in downtown Providence, there are three additional campuses: North Miami, Denver, and North Carolina. Students enjoy a focused curriculum. It is known as an upside down curriculum, where students jump into major specific courses in the first two years, with coursework becoming broader in later years as students have more readiness. There is a general studies option for undecided students, though most are attracted to a specific program. It is very hard to transfer out of a specific major without losing credits. The Providence campus has new waterfront property with new dorms and athletic fields. They are also looking to starting a football team. Admission into Johnson and Wales is nonselective. The university provides every student with a career management system, including resume building and evaluation of their presentation skills, experiential learning, and attendance at career conferences. Due to the specialized notion of their curriculum, only 30 percent are gen-ed. Service learning is required during sophomore year. The campus is very safe. Facilities are very nice. The equine program is located 15 minutes from the downtown campus on 3 acres. The school owns 28 horses. It is a well rounded program that helps students to not only work with show horses or on farms, but in any horse related business(ex. Horse insurance) The academic week is Monday through Thursday and all students must have a job.

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Juilliard School

New York City, New York

Juilliard is a very small college located in Lincoln Center Plaza in midtown Manhattan. Each of the 500 undergraduate students is enrolled in one of three divisions: Music, dance, or drama. The intimacy of the student body stems from participation in dozens of performances and productions with classmates. Academics are demanding. The campus has over 100 practice rooms and more than 200 pianos. Students spend long hours each day practicing in their division. Students are required to take liberal arts courses as well. First year students must live on campus; many move to off campus housing after freshman year. New York City is arguably the world's best location for a performing arts school. Students are tolerant and diverse; nearly thirty percent of students come from minority backgrounds. Roughly 9 of 10 students come from outside the state of New York. Juilliard's students are the best of the best when it comes to music, drama, and dance. Though there is some competitiveness between students, but most say the majority of pressure comes from within.

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Juniata College

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania

Juanita is a private college of about 1,400 students. It is a small college in a small town full of hardworking, assertive students. Students and faculty are warm and welcoming. There are endless opportunities on and off of campus, including a high quality study abroad program. Professors here are highly accessible, but have high expectations. The science

programs, facilities and research opportunities are top notch. Popular majors include biological and biomedical sciences, business, management, marketing, education, and the social sciences. A wide variety of majors are available, including Russian studies and zoology. The majority of classes have fewer than twenty students, and classes rarely have more than fifty. A substantial number of pre-professional programs are available, and Juanita has special accelerated degree agreements with some graduate schools. Despite administrative efforts, the campus is far from diverse. Most students are white, middle class, and liberal. Juanita does have an affiliation with the Church of the Brethren, and most students are Christian. For any student in a religious, ethnic or political minority on campus, there are student organizations representing each. Division III teams draw a substantial percentage of involvement, as do club and intramural sports. Volleyball is definitely Juanita's top sport, as they recently won men's and women's national titles. There is no Greek life.

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Kalamazoo College

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Kalamazoo is a small liberal arts college that is known for opening its students up to the happenings of the world – approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the student body takes part in study abroad programs. It is also known for the comprehensive internship program. The college operates on a quarterly system. Economics is the most popular major, but other strong programs include biology, health sciences, psychology and English. They have what is known as the K-Plan, which emphasizes teaching, internships, and independent research. A three week land/sea adventure is also popular among students. Because of the high study abroad rate, campus groups and athletics are somewhat unstable. Undergraduate enrollment is about 1300 students, and all freshmen must spend their entire first year on campus. Freshman requirement of a writing seminar and quantitative reasoning course, as well as a senior individualized project, either an internship, artistic piece of work, directed research, student teaching, or a traditional thesis. The main goal is to prepare students for the real world by helping them match their on campus education with experience in the real world. Kalamazoo is the oldest college in the state of Michigan. Tradition is strong on campus, and Kalamazoo is best suited for those students looking for a place where everyone is enthusiastic about learning and will thrive and succeed in that kind of environment. There is little ethnic diversity. Students who took an active role in high school tend to fit in best at Kalamazoo. Everyone is enthusiastic about learning, and professors are praised for the individual attention they provide. Though the campus has no Greek organizations, themed on campus housing is available, and most students take advantage of it. The football, tennis and swimming teams are popular among students. Kalamazoo is a suburban area, but the area does have many restaurants, bars, and theaters.

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University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

With 25,000 students, this is a huge Midwestern University set on a thousand acre campus. A quality transportation system is available to carry students around campus. Some of Kansas' top programs are architecture, biological sciences, business and economics, engineering, environmental studies, journalism, nursing and pharmacy, social welfare, premed studies,

Spanish and Portuguese. Students have access to a 3.5 million volume library, a great Honors program, independent study and research projects, and a great study abroad program. The academic environment is somewhat competitive. Most students come from Kansas or other Midwestern states. Though minority students account for only ten percent, they are very vocal on campus. Tolerant and open minded ideas are valued, and the student body is active politically and socially. Greek organizations are a huge part of the campus' flourishing social scene. There are more than four hundred clubs to choose from. The University of Kansas is a basketball powerhouse, but tennis, swimming and diving teams draw large crowds too. Students say Lawrence is a great college town.

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Keene State College

Keene, New Hampshire

Keene, NH is a nice quaint New England college town. The campus is 160 acres. Keene State has 5,200 students. The average class size is 25 to 30. The largest lectures have up to 100 students. Top majors are teacher education, management, and psychology. Education majors must have a second major. The campus has an updated feel. There is brand new apartment housing, a student center and a new recreation center on campus. In 2005, there was a 23 million dollar renovation to the science center. Keene State is big on volunteerism. Most students stay on campus for the weekends. Housing is not guaranteed. Keene has had very strong capital improvements, especially for a state school.

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Kenyon College

Gambier, Ohio

Set in the rural countryside, Kenyon is full of global minded students. The college's 1600 students are mostly liberal, upper middle class and "preppy." They tend to be passionate in whatever they do and genuinely care about their education. The college provides a strong liberal arts and science education to all students. English, History, political science, art, drama, natural sciences, and economics are among the strongest majors. Students work closely with professors, who are very accessible to them. Only twenty percent of the students come from Ohio. Virtually all of Kenyon's students live in the dorms, where even the fraternities reside. The town of Gambier may be a culture shock to urban students, however a shuttle takes students to close by Mount Vernon where there's more to do. Whether it be athletic, theater or art shows, performances of all kinds are well-attended by students. A new fitness and recreation complex was added in recent years. Swimming and diving are huge forces in Division III. Soccer is competitive, and there are many other club teams for students to choose from.

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Knox College

Galesburg, Illinois

This small college of 1,200 students operates on a trimester program where students are required to take three courses per term. Among the top programs are biology, creative writing, music, math, political science, and psychology. Most students take part in some form of an independent study, and many juniors participate in research projects. The school operates on an honor system where students can determine when and where they would like exams to take

place. Most classes have less than 25 students, fostering a close-knit educational experience. Teaching and advising are high quality at Knox. Knox is a member of the Midwest Consortium, allowing students to access to resources at fourteen schools. About half of the students are from Illinois and ten percent are from overseas. Minorities account for about 14 percent of students though the school has a commitment to all types of diversity. There is no typical student at Knox; individualism and uniqueness are highly praised. The school has a liberal alcohol policy. A large amount of men participate in fraternities, though female Greek participation isn't as popular. The men's and women's golf teams are both strong, and football generates some support from students.

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Lafayette College

Easton, Pennsylvania

Lafayette is a small liberal arts and sciences school of about 2200 students. It is located on 110 acres about 60 miles from Philadelphia and 80 miles from New York City. Lafayette is unique in its small academic size, yet outstanding commitment to Division I athletics. Facilities and athletic fields are state-of-the-art. This includes a glass enclosed health club, three story rock climbing wall, and an expansive weight room. Another unique aspect to this small liberal arts college is their engineering sciences programs. Top majors include chemistry, business, economics, art, and government. Roughly one-third of the students join the Greek system. Lafayette is generally not very diverse, culturally or socio-economically. Students tend to come from well-to-do backgrounds. Located in Easton, Pennsylvania, the campus has a lot of suburban appeal. Easton is a very quiet town. Students often describe campus as a bubble.

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Lake Forest College

Lake Forest, Illinois

Lake Forest is a small, liberal arts school, with great access to Chicago (25 miles). It's tucked away in a very affluent neighborhood, but not rural. They have an outstanding study abroad program and great utilization and access to the city. They are a test optional school. The biggest complaint from students is that it is a quiet town. They have exceptional undergraduate science research opportunities as early as freshman year. For a school in a white affluent neighborhood, it is a very diverse campus. They are pretty good with their financial aid packages. The faculty is very attentive, and the campus is gorgeous. The oldest continually operating theater in Illinois is on the campus, and it is professionally run. Students are required to do a Capstone Project in their senior year. Multimillion dollar campus improvements have just been undertaken. 18% of students are in Fraternities and Sororities, but there are no Greek houses. There are about 1500 students in total. Freshman seminar is required to help students adjust to campus, and is a theme based program with discussion based learning to help students bond together.

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Lehigh University

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Lehigh is a private university of about 5000 students. It is located about an hour from Philadelphia and New York City. Bethlehem is not a bustling college town, though there are some shops and restaurants. Lehigh's huge 1600 acre campus has lots of rolling hills. This university is very comfortable for social, academic students. While there is a national pool of students attending, it is very popular among New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania students. Approximately one-third of students join the Greek system, which influences the social aspect of campus. Students enjoy Lehigh's medium size combined with Division I athletics. The average class has 25 students, though some introductory freshman classes are in excess of 150. The athletic facilities are tremendous. Social life revolves around football games during football season. Many students have cars on campus. Two thirds of students live in school owned housing. What makes Lehigh additionally unique is: they provide large university resources with excellent undergraduate research opportunities, a liberal arts and sciences foundation, and offer many specialized majors. There are three colleges in the university (engineering and physical science, arts and sciences, and business). The business college named after Chrysler businessman Lee Iacocca. The student body is a very conservative "work hard play hard" group. The campus is similar socially to Bucknell and Lafayette. Political activism is not a very strong theme on campus. At one point and possibly today, students may stay a fifth year for free if they maintain a 3.5 GPA for four years.

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Lewis and Clark College

Portland, Oregon

This college of 2,600 students is set in Portland, Oregon. The city offers stores, restaurants, and bars; the school is just fifteen minutes from the downtown area of the city. On weekends, student organizations put on fun events, such as dances, shows, or college sponsored ski or beach trips. Other clubs sponsor political activism and community service opportunities. In lieu of SAT scores, applicants can submit a portfolio. Many classes have flexible deadlines; however the course loads are still rigorous. The campus has an international focus, and more than half of students study abroad. Professors are knowledgeable and provide a strong liberal arts education. All majors have an affiliated Honors program. Strong majors include psychology, international affairs, English, sociology, anthropology and art. The student body at Lewis & Clark is mostly liberal and motivated. More than half come from the west coast, and roughly the same amount live on campus. Some organizations and majors provide themed dorm wings for students to choose from. Popular varsity sports include football, crew, track and field, and basketball. Structured intramurals are also available.

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Lesley University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Lesley University is a small school, made up of about 550 students that went co-ed in May of 2004. There is a 3:1 female to male ratio. Strongest majors are in the areas of Human Development, Family Studies, Social and Cultural Studies, Counseling, Human Services, and Education. Students gain exposure into their field in your first year. It is tied to the Art Institute of Boston, the Audubon Expedition, and a Special Education program. These are all separate institutes under Lesley University. It has excellent merit scholarships for "A"

students. Students who thrive here are leaders in their community or high school and want to work with children and families. These students also like to volunteer. The location is tops, with buildings of Victorian houses right in Harvard Square, down the block from Harvard U and the vitality of Cambridge, MA; a very cosmopolitan, educated, artsy community. It boasts a very supportive community, very good financial aid programs, and strong academic support services.

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Louisiana State University

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Louisiana State University is home to 32,000 students. Students must be disciplined and motivated because it's easy to lose focus in New Orleans' exciting environment. As with most large schools, independent and focused students are more successful at LSU. Among LSU's excellent programs are biology, chemistry, English, French studies, geography and anthropology, geology and geophysics, mass communication, physics and astronomy. Though graduate students teach some classes, students say that the majority of the teaching staff is great. Ninety percent of students are from Louisiana but the campus is ethnically diverse. Most students do not live on campus. Many choose to join fraternities and sororities, and eventually reside in their mansions. Others find off campus apartments. There is never a lack of social entertainment at the University. Supporting the football team is popular, and many students travel to away games on the weekends. Sports in general draw a lot of participation, whether it is on the varsity or intramural level.

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Loyola College in Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland

Loyola is a private institution with a Jesuit affiliation. Roughly 3,600 students attend. Though athletic spirit lacks, students take pride in Loyola by supporting campus organizations. Professors are intelligent and enthusiastic about teaching. The school is composed of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Sellinger School of Business and Management. Business and marketing draw the most students, followed by communications, social sciences, and psychology. Students can participate in independent studies, the Honors program, service learning and study abroad programs, among many other academic opportunities. Most of the student body is Catholic, and most students come from upper middle to upper class families. Students are politically apathetic. The Division I men's lacrosse and soccer teams and the dance team draw the most student support. As with most Catholic schools, there are no fraternities and sororities. Campus housing gets high ranks; most students live in suites with large closets, full kitchens and multiple bathrooms. There is a top notch fitness center on campus. Students tend to head off campus for entertainment. Baltimore has an abundance of shopping malls, restaurants, bars and movie theaters.

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Loyola University Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Loyola University, a Roman Catholic affiliated university with four campuses, was one of the nation's top fifty best value schools in 2008. It is home to 10,000 students, though a 2:1

female to male ratio exists. There is a shuttle to transport students back and forth from each of the four campuses. Loyola's caring professors are always willing to meet outside of class to assist students. The pre-medical and pre-law programs and facilities are superb. The Theater and Health Sciences departments are especially strong, as is Loyola's Nursing program, which is one of the best in the country. Students and faculty praise the Rome Center; a Loyola campus in Italy where American students can comfortably study abroad. Many ethnicities are represented at Loyola; however a large number of students are white, Catholic students from Jesuit high schools. Chicago is cultural melting pot. Loyola offers Division I sports, but the intramural and club sports teams draw much more student involvement. Men's and women's rugby are the most popular, and the varsity volleyball team is high quality. Just over ten percent of students take part in Loyola's fraternities and sororities, though they do not have much of a presence on campus. Freshman and most sophomores are required to live on campus. A new outdoor track was recently added to campus. Many students use the on campus gym and highly rated swimming pool. There are 137 registered student organizations. One complaint students have is that the weather is consistently unpredictable, though they say you get used to it. The city of Chicago provides students with enough entertainment to last four years. Due to the large number of colleges in Chicago, a strong youthful presence exists on the streets.

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Loyola University New Orleans

New Orleans, Louisiana

This Roman Catholic University is set in the heart of New Orleans, minutes from the French Quarter. This liberal arts university is strongest in business, communication and the arts. Psychology, biological sciences, environmental studies and history are quality programs as well. All classes are taught completely by professors, as Loyola has no teaching assistants. Loyola is a member of the New Orleans Consortium, allowing the university's 5,500 students to use facilities and cross register at other schools in the area. The campus is ethnically diverse, however most students are from Louisiana and the surrounding states. Religiously speaking, Roman Catholicism has a big influence on campus. Optional masses are held each day. Fraternities and sororities draw a lot of participation from students at Loyola, uncommon for a Catholic University. Division II athletics are offered. Many students participate in the Loyola University Community Action Program, an assembly of organizations providing community service opportunities in the area.

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Macalester College

St. Paul, Minnesota

Macalester College is a small, international liberal arts college. The campus is located in a nice neighborhood in a city with many social outlets. Minneapolis is across the river with many theatres, professional sports teams, and other colleges. Macalester has the highest percentage of international students of any college in the United States. The application pool is represented by 130 countries and students are admitted from 91 countries. About 10 percent of admits have lived in another country for at least six months. Internationalism is Macalester's DNA. The urban location provides students with magical assets that peer schools do not have. The best way to describe students is that they are politically and socially progressive "hippies" that make their opinions known. Activism is present on campus.

Macalester's noncompetitive students enjoy personal relationships with professors and will often go to their homes. Education is more than a benefit here; it is a contribution to the public good. Among famous alumni is the United Nations' Kofi Annan from Ghana. The college's impressive science facilities include an animal operant chamber and an observatory. The international relations department is a complete department, formulated across disciplines. Economics, biology and psychology are the most popular majors. Sixty percent of students do an internship in the Twin Cities. There is a new state-of-the-art 45 million dollar athletic facility (175,000 sq feet). There is no Greek life. Student activists are often seen debating local, national, and international issues. Students at Macalester tend to be earth conscious, and race and gender issues are all hot topics. Due to long history of admitting students internationally, Macalester has networks that most schools don't have. The school can be described as a cross of Pomona and Pitzer and more dynamic than Wooster. Four points that make school this school unique are service, global citizenship, internationalism and the city.

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University of Maine at Farmington

Farmington, Maine

U Maine at Farmington has about 2,000 students and is in a very rural area with a small feeling. The students are unpretentious. They have very good financial aid programs as the students typically come from lower to middle income families. Students are required to have conferences with their professors outside of the classroom. Natural and Health Sciences have excellent placement into graduate schools, and UMF has one of the best creative writing programs in the country. They also have a very strong teacher education program. Many internships and field experiences are available. There is no Greek life on campus. It has been ranked as the #1 Public Liberal Arts College in the Northeast by US News and World Report. There is not a lot of racial diversity. Students here appreciate the quality of the people, community and the education, and are not as concerned with the look of a campus. Family is very important to the students. They treat one another like family. Because many do come from within state, they may tend to head home on weekends. This is an SAT optional school.

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University of Maine at Orono

Orono, Maine

At the University of Maine-Orono, 11,000 hardworking students study on a 660 acre campus. Strong programs include new media, business administration, forestry, Canadian studies and nursing. While the most demanding program may be engineering, the marine science program is flourishing. Students say teaching quality is great, and professors require students to work hard. The university is home to the states largest university library. While you won't find students protesting and picketing on a regular basis, the campus is slightly liberal. More than ninety percent of students are white, but they tend to be open-minded and diverse in their opinions. The majority of the student body is from Maine, with most others come from the surrounding New England area. More than half of students live on campus. Some of the fraternities and sororities offer housing to students who participate. Other students live in apartments in Orono or Bangor, which is only ten minutes away. Though the campus seems isolated, the social life is great. There are roughly 240 student groups and organizations for

students to participate in. Hockey is a definitely the number one sport at U. Maine, but football and women's basketball are close seconds.

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Maine School of Art

Portland, Maine

The big draw to Maine School of Art is the combination of urban life and nature, since Maine is a rural state but Portland is a good city on a port. 1/3 of the curriculum is liberal arts, and you can only get a BFA or an MFA. It has one of the best metals departments in the country for jewelry making. The college has lots of internship opportunities. Freshmen are not required to declare their concentration. They also have a summer portfolio program, which is 4 weeks, for incoming sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This is one of the largest art schools in the country in terms of working space per student, and also has the largest slide library. They do have residential housing for students, and about 20% live on campus, with a total of about 400 in the student body. Like many art schools that do not have a wealthy alumni base, but they do not have a strong endowment. The school wishes to be able to enhance its facilities in the near future. They have a very high retention rate from freshman to sophomore year.

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Manhattanville College

Purchase, New York

The college's unique Portfolio System has students create a composition encompassing their entire college career and encouraging personal growth. Quality programs include management, art, design, music, and psychology. Perhaps the strongest program may be education, as the college boasts a near perfect passing rate for the New York State Teaching Exam. Academics are laid back, but students are serious about their school work. The student faculty ratio is low, and nearly all classes have fewer than twenty five students. Manhattanville's proximity to New York makes for substantial internship opportunities. Manhattanville was formerly an all-girl's school; the student body of 2,500 remains more than 2/3 female. Administrators are working hard to even out the ratio. The student population is diverse; Hispanic, African American, Asian American and many foreign students study together here. There are no Greek organizations, but fifty student run organizations exist on campus. Eighteen Division III teams are available to athletic students. On the weekends many students travel home or into the city for excitement.

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Marlboro College

Marlboro, Vermont

Marlboro College is home to roughly 350 nonconforming students. Situated at the top of a mountain, the campus is about twenty minutes from Brattleboro. Anonymity is not an option; students must be passionate, interested and involved. Each student develops their own Plan of Concentration. By senior year students participate in one-on-one tutorials with faculty and present their thesis to experts unaffiliated with the college. Classes rarely have more than twenty students. Don't let the small student population fool you: Marlboro offers 250 courses each semester. World studies, writing and literature, Asian studies and theater are the strongest programs. Though the student body is liberal, politics don't seem to be much of an

issue on campus. The college is governed by students and faculty members “town meeting style,” where everyone’s votes are weighed equally. The library runs on an honor system. Most students live on campus, and say that they feel very safe. Despite administrative efforts to recruit more minority students, minority enrollment is low. Though there are no varsity sports or Greek organizations, but the outing club and coed soccer are both popular activities.

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Marshall University

Huntington, West Virginia

Marshall is a public university with about 10,000 students. Due to many scholarship incentives for in-state students, most students are from West Virginia. Minority students make up a small percentage of the student population. The learning environment at Marshall fosters close student/faculty relationships through small, challenging courses taught by approachable professors. Education, business & marketing, liberal arts, and the health professions are among the most popular majors. Students who don’t live within fifty miles Marshall are required to live on campus freshman and sophomore year. Marshall’s students are very supportive of varsity and club athletics. A skiing club and white water rafting club are available to students. Christian spiritual groups draw a decent amount of participation. Fraternities and sororities are prominent on the social scene. Marshall is located one block from Huntington’s town center, where there are shops, bars and restaurants for entertainment.

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University of Maryland-College Park

College Park, Maryland

Getting involved may be the key to standing out at this school of 35,000 students. Many clubs, organizations, sports, and Greek organizations keep students engaged. Students can hop on the Metro for a quick ride into D.C. or seek entertainment at one of the local restaurants or pubs. Twelve schools and colleges make up the university. The most noteworthy programs are engineering, physics, computer science, journalism, business and management information systems. A great career center, honors program and academic counseling are available. For any struggling students, Maryland has a notable tutoring and development program. Introductory classes do tend to be large; however, more advance classes can be expected to have fewer students. As with most big schools, students must be their own advocate and actively pursue professors for extra help. Due to the college’s proximity to Washington D.C., it is a given that politics, both local and national, are popular issues. Most of Maryland’s ethnically diverse student body comes from Maryland; New York and New Jersey both well represented too. The student body is very active on campus. Sponsored events include concerts, speakers and movies. Maryland has its fair share of parties and sporting events as well.

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Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Boston, Massachusetts

This is a public art institution, very affordable for Massachusetts residents, with about a 35% acceptance rate. They have a fulltime undergraduate student population of about 1300 students. Degrees are offered only as a BFA (bachelor of Fine Art). Students can also take courses at AIB(Art Institute of Boston), Boston Architectural Center, Berkeley, Emerson, New England College, MIT. All students take the same classes in their freshman foundation year, and housing is guaranteed for the first year, but only about 15% of students live on campus. There is not a strong financial aid program. It is located in downtown Boston near many of the popular colleges. Architectural Design is one of their top majors. Intercollegiate and intramural sports are offered in partnership with Emerson College.

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MA College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Boston, Massachusetts

This is a small school, with only two buildings designated to the campus. They offer a wealth of specializations to students such as Nuclear Medicine Technology and Pre-Health Science Studies. If you are interested in the health sciences, this is a great place to learn about the difference among the different areas. There are many 6 year programs like Pharmacy and Physician Assistant, and all programs are accredited. There are no varsity athletic programs, and only 15% of students live in campus housing. Housing is determined by a housing lottery, but if it is desired, most students can get it. It is located in downtown Boston, and the student body is about 70% female, 30% male. The academics and residential hall are located in the same building. They have recently made a new student lounge and a dining facility, and new labs completed in 2004. They offer good merit scholarships, and for the students, discounted theatre and sports tickets for social interaction throughout Boston. Pharmacy is their most selective major.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, Massachusetts

MIT is one of the nation's science and technology powerhouses. Roughly 10,000 mathematically brilliant students study at this urban institute. All branches of engineering and science are superb, as well as management, economics, and humanities. Unlike many technical schools, MIT is strong in the social sciences. Administrators feel that in order to become great engineers, students need to first possess an in depth understanding of the social system. MIT has a great undergraduate research program, where students can work side by side with the outstanding faculty, while earning credits. The workload is heavy, and engineering and science students are tested every week, with an emphasis on non-multiple choice tests. Most classes are 5 days a week, making them pretty intense. A 24 hour library is part of the 2 million volume library system. Freshman courses are scored in a unique pass/fail grading system to help students adjust to the rigorous academics. As for diversity, the school has come a long way. Though the student body is three-fifths male, a significant percentage of the student body are Asian American, African American, and Hispanic. MIT boasts a huge number of quality varsity sports, second only to Harvard. From bowling and ping pong to basketball and volleyball, student participation in intramurals is huge. As for the social scene, many students are too busy academically to party. However, when they need an escape from the rigors of MIT, Boston offers endless opportunities.

University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth

North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

UMass Dartmouth is a liberal arts and sciences college with very strong Business, Visual Sciences, Performing Arts, Textile Design, and Studio Art majors. Average class size is about 27. There is a very good energy among the students with lots of diversity, and student organizations. Students are guaranteed housing for all 4 years, and freshman can have cars on campus. Architectural style has a futuristic-type feel, with pods, and all buildings are connected. The campus does not have a warm feel, but there are a lot of grassy areas. Athletic facilities are dated and they don't give a feeling of warmth, but the students are unaffected. There is a lake at one end of campus. The Business department has a state of the art new building. Typically active student body and students take a strong leadership role on campus.

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University of Miami

Coral Gables, Florida

This campus of 15,000 students is minutes from downtown Miami and a short car ride from Miami beaches. Students here must be motivated and independent, as it is easy to let the beautiful weather and beaches distract them from their challenging coursework. The University of Miami has one of the countries best marine science programs, and other notable programs are music, business, political science, biology and premed. Most courses are taught in full by accessible and knowledgeable professors. Students at Miami tend to be trendy and driven. Nearly half the student body is made up of minority or foreign students. Because the campus is very diverse it is not uncommon for students to speak Spanish as their first language. More than half are out of state students, and a sizable number of students hail from New York. Fraternities and sororities are present on campus and draw a substantial amount of student involvement. Football, baseball, and track and field, among other sports draw huge participation and support from students. Close by bars, clubs and restaurants offer a plethora of excitement for students who wish to leave campus on the weekends.

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Miami University

Oxford, Ohio

At Miami University, 16,000 students have an abundance of research, leadership and travel abroad opportunities. Each semester a whopping forty percent of students are studying abroad. The liberal arts university offers one of the nations few pulp and paper science degree programs. Economics, accountancy, music, chemistry, botany, microbiology, agriculture and international studies are all high quality programs. Few classes here are taught by grad students, and class sizes haven't spun out of control. A combination of competitive academics, outstanding and premium students is making Miami University a high caliber state university. The campus is known for being politically conservative. Mostly white, middle class students are attracted to Miami, but the administrators are trying to attract more minority students. Approximately one in four students at Miami belongs to a Greek organization, many of which were founded on the Miami campus. Varsity sports are high quality, and intramurals are offered for just about every sport. The city of Oxford is comprised of 2/3

students, so businesses cater to them. For students looking for the “big city life,” Cincinnati isn’t too far.

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University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan

This elite public university of 38,000 offers 226 undergraduate majors. Any degree from Michigan is respectable but pre-med, engineering, art and design, architecture, music, film and television, journalism, and business shine among them. Michigan offers one of the nation’s best honors programs. Academics are rigorous and challenging, but not cutthroat; students work together. Professors are knowledgeable and enthusiastic, and provide individualized attention so students don’t feel lost in the crowd. Ninety percent of students were in the top tenth of their high school class. The liberal campus is remarkably diverse, more than one fourth of students are minorities. Students can choose to live on the 3100 acre campus in special interest housing or living/learning communities. Others seek housing in the great college town of Ann Arbor. Many students participate in Greek life, athletics and community service programs; overall, Michigan students like to get involved. Intramurals were invented here, and continue to draw a good amount of student participation. The athletics are strong and highly supported by the student body.

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Michigan State University

East Lansing, Michigan

Students can find their calling in strong pre-professional programs such as Hotel and Restaurant Management, Pre-Veterinary Science, Business, and Engineering. The college started as an agricultural institution, but now has many non-agricultural majors. It is not a very selective school, and it boasts a great social life and quality of living for its students. The University is well known for its strong residential college system. These residential “colleges” enable students to live with other students in their same major and take their classes in classrooms located in the dorm building. This gives students all of the features of a major university along with the intimacy and attention found in a small liberal arts and science school. The residential college’s have smaller discussion classes and more rigorous writing and reading requirements of a liberal arts and science education. The pre-med and pre-vet programs are strong. There are untraditional majors as well as typical ones. They also have more than 200 study abroad programs in 60 countries. The academic climate at MSU gets tougher as students get further into their majors. Every U.S. state and 125+ countries are represented on the MSU campus. It is projected that all 20 of the schools residence halls will be updated by 2020. Weekends at MSU are dominated by Big Ten athletic competitions. Although 90% of the students come from Michigan, it is a far from homogenous student body. The students are incredibly nice, outgoing, and laid back.

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Middlebury College

Middlebury, Vermont

This college of 2,500 is located in the small town of Middlebury. The social scene completely revolves around campus, because the town virtually shuts down at night. There are no Greek organizations here, but there are a wide variety of student organizations from

various community service groups to academic clubs of all types. Middlebury boasts some of Division III's best athletic teams; the schools athletes are talented and driven. Most students are white, and any ethnic diversity that exists is overshadowed by the fact that the campus is virtually economically homogenous. The strongest programs are English, economics and environmental studies; however the social science and history are among the most popular. Though professors are enthusiastic and accomplished, students cannot expect them to do all the talking. Most courses are small and discussion oriented. The language departments provide a summer program where students can live on campus "English-free." Middlebury provides students with an outstanding education. State of the art facilities include top notch laboratories, athletic facilities, and a quality student center.

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Minneapolis College of Art and Design

Minneapolis, Minnesota

This college is 120 years old, and upholds strong traditions. The curriculum focuses on critical thinking, interdisciplinary study and acceleration, offering excellent mentoring and career counseling. The graphic arts program is strong; also offered are programs in furniture and graphic design, interactive media, photography, film, video, animation, and liberal studies. MCAD is one of the few schools in the country to offer a cartoon illustration program. Having the highest accreditation for any school of its type (unique liberal studies for arts), they are academically focused. Students and faculty are very comfortable. There is a very open curriculum except for during the freshman foundation year. Students are recruited nationally, so the student body is regionally diverse, however it is not ethnically diverse. Academic scholarships are offered based on merit and need. All members of the faculty work in their field and have good contacts. Students get very good internships and a portfolio submission is required. Eighty percent of freshmen live in dorms. There are no meal plans but there is a cafeteria. Students have 24 hour access to facilities, where technology is updated twice a year. The facilities are all very clean and students tend to be very respectful of them. There is a huge photography studio. The campus is very small, seven acres with a lot of green space, making it easy to get to buildings. MCAD is located two blocks from the Nicollette Mall, a fun street. Two doors down is a fine arts museum, accessible to students. The city is huge on advertising, home to companies like Target and Best Buy, offering many internships. Eighty two percent of students are employed in their field within six months of graduation.

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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

St. Paul & Minneapolis

Minnesota's flagship state school is located in an urban area. Many undergraduate communities comprise neighborhoods in the city. There are two campuses, one in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis. No essay is required for admission, which takes place on a rolling basis. Applications are considered late after December 15th. In 2008, Minnesota lowered tuition for out-of-state students to \$12,000, which is only \$4,000 more than tuition for instate students. On average they meet 85% of financial need. Admission standards for out-of-state students are the same for in state. The university has an excellent, competitive business school, the Carlton School of Management, which has a new 124,000 sq foot building. All

business students study abroad. The Chemical Engineering department is ranked number one in the country. The toughest programs to get into are business and bio-tech, (which raises the average entering GPA for freshman). Other top majors are education, personal finances, and journalism. The university of Minnesota is in the Big Ten Conference. Of their 143 majors, education and kinesiology are highly ranked. This school is trying to be a top three research university in the country. They have an honors program for the top 12% of class. There are three hundred study abroad programs, all owned by the university, a member of the National Student Exchange. There is a health career center for undergrads. Freshman year seminars are offered but not required. The university has a low 4-year graduation rate due to the high number of part time students working in the city while going to school. Over six hundred student organizations exist for U Minnesota's 27,000 students. In 2009, a new football arena will be completed, and will enhance campus life. The College of Arts and Sciences posts 1,400 internships each year. The orientation program lasts six days. Most students have the same beginning two-year core requirements. In the city of Minneapolis, there are one hundred professional theaters, more per capita than any other city. Freshman housing is guaranteed. Dorms are organized into different learning communities based on major and culture.

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Moravian College

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Moravian College is a small, private, national, liberal arts and sciences college of about 1500 students. It is down the street from Lehigh. Moravian is the 6th oldest college in the United States. While it is affiliated with the Moravian church and has a graduate school/theological seminary adjacent to its campus, the undergrad campus is not religious. It is located one hour from Philadelphia and New York City. The school is comprised of two beautifully maintained campuses one mile apart. Shuttle vans allow students to commute easily. The south campus focuses on the arts and the north campus on all other subjects. A very high percentage of students at Moravian play a musical instrument. Music, art, and nursing/pre-health have the strongest reputations of the majors. They have a very student friendly cross registration program with Lehigh, Lafayette, Muhlenberg, Cedar Crest and DeSales, all located within twenty minutes. The student body has mainstream political views. Most students stay on campus where there is not a lot of peer pressure to drink or party. There are no teaching assistants; full professors teach all classes. Advising is quite strong and the curriculum is flexible, allowing students to sample classes outside their major.

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Morehouse College

Atlanta, Georgia

Morehouse College is an all male institution, and is the brother School of Spelman College. It is a college of young, assertive, ambitious African American men. With its strongest programs in Economics, Business, Biology, Political Science, and Psychology, Morehouse offers an academic structure that is competitive and rigorous. Many students come to Morehouse to get a greater understanding of their heritage, and to promote it in the 'real world.' There is limited housing on campus, leaving about half of the student body to find housing off campus. Students who get campus housing complain that it is too small and not well maintained. The meal plan is mandatory for students who live on campus, and also

receives its share of complaints. Alumni of Morehouse are more than willing to help students find jobs, making the alumni connection of Morehouse a strong network that should be utilized by all students.

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Morris Brown College

Atlanta, Georgia

Morris Brown is an open admission four year undergraduate college affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. However, when Morris Brown lost its accreditation in 2003, it also lost many of its students. A new president came in, as well as a restructured board of trustees (most well known: Jesse Jackson), and they are working hard to restore the faith in the college, both in financial aid and academic structure. The most popular programs are in Education and Business Administration. There are also co-op programs and work study educational programs.

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Mount Holyoke College

South Hadley, Massachusetts

Mount Holyoke is part of the Five College Consortium, allowing students to take classes and use facilities at any of five area colleges. Approximately 2,100 students attend this all female liberal arts college. Among the strongest majors are English, biology, psychology, economics, and international relations. Mount Holyoke is one of the few colleges to offer leadership as a major. The college provides more Chemistry and Biology PhDs to women than any other liberal arts college. Known for its rigorous courses and top notch academics, Mount Holyoke keeps most classes under twenty five students. Students here are adventurous and passionate about their academic work. The school is run on an honor code, making self scheduled and proctored exams possible. The ethnically and religiously diverse student body is concerned with political correctness. Mount Holyoke offers nearly 200 student organizations. The campus has an equestrian ring and an eighteen-hole golf course. Rugby and crew are the most popular athletic teams. Since only a quarter of student come from Massachusetts, most students live on campus. South Hadley is a small town, but Amherst and Northampton offer lots to do and cater to college students.

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Muhlenberg College

Allentown, Pennsylvania

This is a liberal arts college of 2,500 students. It's located on a condensed 75 acre campus in Allentown, Pennsylvania about an hour from Philadelphia. Admissions place heavy emphasis on the interview and volunteer work. English, business, psychology, theater arts and dance are all strong programs, but perhaps the strongest are Muhlenberg's pre-professional programs. The pre-med program selects a handful of students each year and guarantees them seats in the Drexel University College of Medicine. Quality facilities include cutting edge science labs, a glass shelled performing arts center, and three honors programs. There are no teaching assistants. Professors here seem to genuinely care about their students. Though more than 90 percent of students are white, students are diverse in their interests, politically and socially. The typical student at Muhlenberg is self-assured, not arrogant, comfortable with themselves, grounded, approachable and hard to stereotype. Students dress very casually. They are a very

friendly bunch who put a lot of emphasis on relationships. This is part of the culture of the college. Overall the student body is not racially diverse. The school does not have a religious feel or culture, though it was founded by the Lutheran church. Many students at Muhlenberg volunteer in the community. The social life revolves around on campus activities. Comedians are brought to campus weekly, and movies are shown. A quarter of students join fraternities and sororities, but they do not dominate the campus. Varsity sports are offered and intramurals are very popular. Just minutes from campus is a bus stop that travels daily to area malls, New York City, and Philadelphia.

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School of the Museum of Fine Arts

Boston, Massachusetts

This is one of the oldest art schools in the country and is attached to the Museum of Fine Arts. Students have access to private art and speaking opportunities from visiting artists. They can receive their degree from Tufts University without having a separate application to Tufts. Students can take up to half of their course load at Tufts. Residential Life is non traditional, many students live in apartments and there is not a dining hall. Scholarships are based on portfolios and not on academic merit. There aren't varied majors, other than the degrees they offer of a BFA and a MFA. Art and studio art are the 'majors', then you specialize in any medium you want. Their BFA is a 5-year combined degree program. The first 2.5 years are at Tufts, where you take 24 academic classes and declare a major, and the last 2.5 years at the Museum School. The Museum School is a great academic experience, with 4 year and 5 year BFAs, the 4 year being the most popular. It is easier to get into than RISD. The education philosophy is different than RISD, in that there are no majors, mutual agreement with Tufts, Museum School affiliation, and small atmosphere. They have a very open curriculum set for self design majors, and all students explore many mediums and the method of evaluation is always review boards. At RISD by contrast, there are specific majors and a foundation year experience, which is not at the Museum School. Perception is that the Museum School is free flowing, is too loose and not for the student that needs handholding. The students here however are articulate and intelligent and get a lot of advising. The courses taken at Tufts receive letter grades. Students graduate with the ability to review their work in galleries. The 4 year BFE (art education) has a requirement of 18 classes at Tufts in Humanities and Liberal Arts with four electives. Museum school students have the same status as Tufts students when registering for classes (same priority). BFE is recognized in 47 states, and BFE's in general are considered to not have a lot of art content, but this one does. For non-academic art students, there is a 4 year diploma that is not a Tufts degree, but they are still eligible for the MFA. Portfolio is required.

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New College of Florida

Sarasota, Florida

New College is a public liberal arts college, yet very small with only 670 students. This very liberal institution is home to students who are eccentric "hippie types;" individuality is huge. Students must be motivated and independent because academics can get intense, challenging and stressful. Written evaluations are given instead of grades and GPA. Between the fall and

spring semesters, students carry out research and group projects. Professors here teach all classes without TA's or graduate students, and are eager to see their students succeed. The average class size is 24. Psychology, biology, literature and anthropology are among New College's strongest programs. Three quarters of the student body are from Florida, and roughly ten percent are minority students. Creative, liberal students are attracted to New College, where social and political issues are huge. Unlike students at most Florida public institutions, passionate students take road trips to protest instead of cheering on their football team. (Perhaps because they don't even have one) There are no varsity sports. The social scene is very relaxed, and when students want to take off from campus, Sarasota beaches are close by.

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New England College

Henniker, NH

New England College has about 700 students. It is located in the center of a small town about twenty minutes from Concord. The school looks like a boarding school/Americana/Norman Rockwell. Students are very athletic. Sports are very important. Its small size makes getting involved easy. The school has an extremely strong hockey program. Free skiing is available nearby. There is no swimming pool on campus and the gymnasium needs improvement. NEC will celebrate internationalism among its student body by dedicating a day to that country in the dining hall and celebrating with food, culture, and music. Students evaluate teachers at the end of each semester. Professors strive to engage students and not just tell them information. The writing and reading workload is not overly demanding but there is an attendance policy. The largest class has about twenty students; many have fewer than ten. Some classroom buildings are housing. The school offers a nice quiet sense of community. Some administrators do live in the dorms. Substance free dorms are available. This wireless campus has a nice appearance. Popular majors are education, business, communications, sports science, athletic training and graphic design. (Specialized majors) Internships are required and are practically guaranteed. Anyone can take a class as an honors class by conducting an extra project. The campus is adjacent to a river, which leads to the athletic fields. There are lots of trails and woodlands nearby. Greek life is very small. The school feels like a combination of Ripon and Baypath. New England College attracts a lot of athletes and actors. In general, the happy student is well rounded, involved, friendly and respectful. SAT and ACT scores are optional for admission. There is a partial honor code involving take home exams and a student judicial board.

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University of New England

Biddeford, Maine

This is a quiet, suburban campus set on a lake with a quiet, studious student body. Environmental issues are very important. It is one of the best schools for Marine Sciences; they have a multimillion dollar Marine Mammal Institute right on the water on campus. The campus feels very peaceful. It has a 3:1 female to male ratio. There is a nice sense of community, but campus is not very diverse. It is a fairly social school where students look to have quiet, quality fun. The most impressive features are the career focus, nice people, the

beach, medical career preparation and peer mentoring. It is very strong in health sciences. Professors are on a first name basis with the students. It is within driving distance of Portland, ME., a nice, fun and historic city. Not a lot of school spirit based on athletics.

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University of New Hampshire

Durham, New Hampshire

This is the flagship state university of NH. Campus is adjacent to downtown Durham filled quaint shops. UNH is twenty minutes from Portsmouth, a sea town with great shopping, nightlife and natural history. There is a free shuttle that runs there from campus. Enrollment is about 14,000 students. The top majors are communications, engineering, life sciences, animal sciences, English, psychology, and business. The school features a brand new recreation center, ice rink and a newly renovated library. Almost all freshmen live on campus. Overall, 50 percent of students do. In addition to dormitories and Greek houses, there are a lot of theme houses. Only five percent of the students participate in Greek life. There are three residential areas with a dining hall in each. Also there is a train station on campus that goes to Boston. The campus has open areas as well as woody areas and many new buildings. The campus feels like a small college in some spots; half of all classes have less than twenty students and almost all will be under fifty. UNH has one of the top records for athletic academic performance nationally. The three main talking points are the location: Boston, Portsmouth, mountains and forest, a close caring community with the traditions of a small village, academic opportunity and achievement. There is an honor system. There are currently no residential colleges on campus. The campus has a very strict drug, alcohol, and anti-violence policy. There is a bike loan service available to students.

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The College of New Jersey

Ewing, New Jersey

The College of New Jersey is a public, liberal arts school. About 7,000 students attend; most are from New Jersey. Since almost twenty percent of students are minorities, diversity is a given. Student/faculty relationships are close, and all classes are taught in full by professors. The academic environment is competitive, but the student body remains close and not cutthroat. Although the college is no longer a “teachers college,” elementary education is still one of its top programs. Among other strong majors are biology, chemistry, history, music psychology, business, computer science. Students here are expected to get involved on this campus and many opportunities for community service, freshman seminars and students groups are available. The college’s sports teams might be Division III, but the athletes are high quality. The teams draw tons of support from the student body. A small percentage of students participate in fraternities and sororities, but the groups provide much of the off campus entertainment. Though Ewing is not much of a college town, the town is only a few miles from Trenton, and a short drive from Princeton, NJ and New Hope, PA

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New Jersey Institute of Technology

Newark, New Jersey

This college is home to 8,000 hardworking, smart and ambitious students. The academic climate is extremely competitive and requires many hours of studying. At this technical school males outnumber females almost four to one. Students here tend to be especially tolerant, perhaps due to the fact that nearly half of them are minorities. Though the campus is ethnically diverse, over 90 percent of students come from New Jersey. Most teachers have experience in their field, and students say they are high quality. The majority of classes have fewer than fifty students. The Honors Program guarantees housing, research opportunities, and acceptance into a BS/MS program as long as high grades are maintained. NJIT's strongest programs are architecture, computer science, engineering, environmental science. Some students participate in Greek organizations and live in their housing, a quarter of students live on campus, and the rest live in nearby off campus apartments. All athletics are Division II except for soccer which is Division I. Swimming, soccer and baseball are the most popular sports, and outstanding athletic facilities are available to all students. The beach is just an hour away, and right down the street are some of New Jersey's finest museums and theaters.

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New School University-Eugene Lang College New York City, New York

With only 400 students, this small university set in the heart of Greenwich Village takes a nontraditional approach to education. Idealistic and independent students, many of whom are activists tend to be attracted to this school, where they can take advantage of all the opportunities of New York City. Because the campus is set in the city, it falls short of having a sense of community. There are no majors or departments; each student's destiny is self controlled. Undergrads design their own course of student and take classes capped at just sixteen students. After freshman year, students may enroll in classes at other divisions of the New School. The strongest areas of concentration are writing, fine arts, education studies, and cultural studies. At Eugene Lang, academics are noncompetitive but the course load is not easy. Students participate in seminars and work on independent projects. More than twice as many females than males attend. Almost half of students are from New York City. There are no varsity sports and few campus sponsored events, however its setting in the city allows for endless excitement. This urban, Liberal Arts College definitely makes for a unique college education.

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City University of New York/City College New York City, New York

CCNY is located on ten lively blocks in the heart of Harlem. This public university has just over 9,000 undergraduate students. CCNY is known for its diverse student body and involvement in the Harlem community. Harlem is rich in culture, and students enjoy the benefits of that diversity. There is no typical student here. The campus does not offer housing, so students must rent or live at home. There is a subway stop located very close to campus. Most students have part time jobs to help pay their rent. While the campus is vibrant during the day, most students head home after class. The college has hosted many

notable speakers, including Russell Simons, Colin Powell, and former CCNY professor Walter Cronkite. This university's strongest program is engineering, closely followed by the sciences. Freshman students take classes in a "block system" where the same students attend multiple classes together. Also, a freshman seminar course is required. Students receive only whole letter grades; the college's grading system does not involve any pluses or minuses.

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City University of New York/Hunter

New York City, New York

Just over 10,000 students attend Hunter College of New York, where the male to female ratio is 3:7. More than half of students are African American, Asian, or Hispanic, and nearly all students are from New York. The best programs are nursing, education, the performing arts, English and communications. On campus there are elementary and secondary schools, providing a great resource for students in the education program. Classes range in size from just ten students to 300! Full professors teach all classes; there are no TA's or graduate professors.

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State University of New York at Binghamton

Binghamton, NY

Even though SUNY Binghamton has over 14,000 students, this state university offers relatively small classes and great academics. Most freshman classes have less than 50 students. The work is hard, but not overwhelmingly so. The atmosphere is such that students are encouraged to challenge themselves but cooperate with their peers. Teachers are accessible, engaged, and interesting. Also, full professors teach all the classes and give opportunities for supervised independent research. Anthropology, Asian studies, chemistry, comparative literature, history, human development, nursing, and political science are all strong majors. Students are well-balanced, fun, active on campus, studious, driven, and liberal. The student body is ethnically diverse. About half of the students live on campus but nearly all of them come from New York. The university has a program which offers free movies, games, a coffee bar, and other clean fun on campus every weekend. The campus contains a bowling alley, video arcade, and billiard room. Binghamton offers students a zoo, ice-skating, museums, restaurants, and bars. The school competes in Division I, but has no varsity football. Lacrosse and co-rec football are competitive and strongly supported though.

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State University of New York at Buffalo

Buffalo, New York

This school has so many resources, facilities, and students that it has to have two campuses. The school has about 22,500 students, of which about 16,800 are undergraduates. SUNY Buffalo is known for having the best technology and being one of the most 'wired' campuses in the nation. Of its many strong programs, business administration, engineering, psychology, architecture, communications, English, and computer and information sciences are especially notable. The academic climate is competitive, but most professors are willing to help and all are experts in their fields. There is an honors program that offers smaller classes, priority during class registration, individual mentoring from faculty, and a scholarship. Almost all students come from New York, most live off-campus, and there is a good amount of ethnic diversity. Students care about their academics, but they also have a thriving social life. Social

life stays on campus during the week, but usually shifts to Buffalo on the weekends. The city of Buffalo offers professional sports teams, restaurants, shops, a modern art museum, and more. The school is also located near places to ski, skate, and snowmobile. The university has over 500 organizations. It has Division I-A football and an excellent basketball team. Both sports have a large fan following and provide heaps of on-campus entertainment. The school has the fourth-largest pool in the world and great swim teams. Intramurals are also popular.

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State University of New York at Genesco Genesco, New York

This college offers a top-notch education with a price parents will love. It's a state school, but it has the feel of a private liberal arts college. With only about 5,200 students, the school is able to provide small classes and a more personalized learning experience. Strong programs include business, communicative disorders and sciences, education, English, psychology, music, biology, and natural sciences. Classes are demanding, but teachers are helpful, engaging, and intelligent. All classes are taught by a professor and not by a TA. There is an Honors Program which provides a scholarship and specialized courses. Students are friendly, smart, tight-knit, helpful, liberal, diligent, and fun. Most students are from New York and about half of them live on campus. The town of Genesco has restaurants, a supermarket, and shops. It is also near mountains and Conesus Lake, so students can hike, ski, and boat at their leisure. The school is Division III and hockey is the favorite sport. Intramurals are also popular among the students.

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State University of New York at Purchase Purchase, New York

A small and liberal school focused on the arts, Purchase is an excellent place for students to explore their creative sides. The school emphasizes community but celebrates the uniqueness of individuals. Students say you never feel pressured to conform or fit in here. The professors are accessible, friendly, and are all professionals in their fields and regularly perform in New York City or other places. The school has excellent facilities for all varieties of artistic exploration. Of its many excellent programs, acting, art history, dance, environmental science, film, liberal studies, writing, music, and women's studies are especially notable. They offer both liberal arts degrees and performing and visual arts degrees. Both types are made to sample classes in the others areas. The classes are challenging and everybody is passionate about their chosen field. One student describes their classmates as, "artsy, creative, hippies, gay, vegans, and open-minded, liberal activists." Most students come from New York. The campus is ethnically diverse but leans way left politically. The campus is politically active. A good amount of the student body commutes, so the weekends are not usually lively on campus. Still, New York City is nearby to provide entertainment and many artists and celebrities come to campus because of this proximity. Most parties are thrown in apartments off campus and there is no Greek system. The school competes in Division III and offers intramurals, but the most popular sport is casual Frisbee throwing. Students say their 'teams' are their dancers, vocalists, musicians, etc.

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State University of New York at Stony Brook Stony Brook, New York

This university has a diverse and friendly student body and excellent research opportunities. It calls itself a student-centered research university and it has six undergraduate colleges to give students the feel of a smaller school. High quality programs include anthropology, biology, computer science, engineering science, English, nursing, marine sciences, physics and music. The classes are challenging but not overwhelmingly so. The academic environment is competitive and the professors are intelligent, helpful, and clear. The facilities are state-of-the-art. Their hospital has been ranked as one of the best teaching hospitals in the nation. They have an undergrad research program which lets undergrads research alongside faculty members. More than half of the graduates get accepted into a graduate or professional school as well. Almost all of the students come from New York and about half of the students commute to school. The school is ethnically diverse though with a high concentration of Asian students. Even though only about half of the students live on campus, most activities take place there. The Greek system was banned for a long time but has recently been reinstated. The town of Stony Brook is small but is only a half an hour from the South Shore beaches. It is a wealthy residential town so it does not cater to students, but it is pleasant and safe. The school has 20 varsity teams and they all compete in Division I. Intramurals are also very popular and widely participated in.

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New York University

New York, New York

At this huge university in the heart of Greenwich Village, 38,000 energetic students study. Among NYU's many excellent programs are drama, theater arts, dance, business, art and design, film and television, and music. A three million volume library is available. Though graduate students do teach some introductory courses, students say teaching quality is first rate. The courses are rigorous and demanding, but not impossible. Students have a wealth of opportunities from big business internships to traveling abroad as a University Scholar. NYU offers great career counseling, so students are prepared for their career and not just a degree. On this liberal campus, social, political, and human rights issues are all regular debate topics. More than half of students are from outside New York, and one quarter of the students are minorities, making the campus quite diverse. The university guarantees four years of housing to all incoming freshmen, and more than half take advantage of it. With over three hundred groups to participate in, everyone can find their niche. Few students join fraternities and sororities. Tons of students participate in intramural sports. In New York City there is never a lack of entertainment.

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University of North Carolina at Asheville

Asheville, North Carolina

This UNC campus is set in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hiking, rock climbing, and rafting are just some of the offerings of the area. About 3600 students attend this campus known for its small, rigorous classes. The passionate and experienced professors are highly rated by students. Nearly half of students participate in undergrad research. Psychology, management, environmental studies, literature and biology are among the strongest programs. 2+2 programs in engineering and forestry are available, as well as study abroad programs to many

countries. Most students are from North Carolina, and the university is definitely underrepresented by minorities. Diversity, environmental issues, and campus issues are all hot topics on the campus. Housing is available to all students, but the majority commute. There is virtually no crime on the campus, which is located in the center of a million acres of federal and state forest. Few students join the fraternities and sororities. Though there is little partying on campus, there is not a lack of things to do. Seventy on campus groups, varsity sports and intramurals all draw a lot of participation.

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University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chapel Hill, North Carolina

26,000 students study at this prestigious Southern University. Most students are from North Carolina, and the majority of out-of-state students are athletes. Whether it is a combination of the arts, community service, athletics or academics, students here are well rounded. Nearly one in five students is Hispanic, African or Asian American. Social and political issues are in focus. UNC boasts one of the countries best honors programs. Among the most notable programs are journalism, information and library science, philosophy, business, sociology, political science, classics and drama. Students say professors are top notch. Students who choose to live on campus have the option of living in a living and learning community. Foreign languages, substance free, and wellness are just a few themes. UNC administrators take precautionary measures to keep the campus safe. Shuttles cart students around the flourishing campus. Chapel Hill is a great college town; Main Street runs right into the campus. Sororities and fraternities have a significant influence on the campus. Basketball, football and soccer are all huge at UNC. For non-varsity athletes a great intramural system and recreation center are available. All around the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is high quality.

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University of North Carolina at Greensboro Greensboro, North Carolina

Independent, open minded students fit best at UNC Greensboro. About two thirds of the 14,000 students here are female. Nearly all students are from North Carolina, but the student body is diverse racially and politically. African American students have a large presence on campus and are very active on campus. The Residential College Program allows accepted students to have smaller, more intimate classes. Academics are very competitive. Though nursing and business are the most popular majors, strong programs include music, dance, creative writing, theater, education, nutrition, and psychology. Students can opt to live in living/learning communities or single sex dorms. As only a third of students live on campus, the Greensboro area has abundant off campus housing. Bars, restaurants and stores are all within walking distance of the campus. There are more than 170 student organizations on campus, including fraternities and sororities; there is never a lack of something to do. Both Division I sports and intramurals are popular among students.

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North Carolina State University Raleigh, North Carolina

With a student body of 30,000, the social, academic and athletic environments at NCSU never lack excitement. Academically speaking, programs are demanding but not competitive. Classes are large, but professors are high quality and available for help. The professional areas of design, statistics, engineering, pulp and paper science, agriculture, textiles and forestry are all first rate. Business management and biological science are popular as well. A great co-op program alternates work and classroom experiences. A Residential Scholars program, nearly one hundred exchange programs, and a six million volume library are all available. The students at North Carolina State tend to be friendly and independent. Though most students come from instate public high schools, the study body remains diverse; students of all kinds are found here. Politically, the campus leans slightly conservative. Between varsity and intramural athletes and their supporters, sports are huge at NCSU. One third of students live in on campus housing. The Greek organizations provide much of the campus entertainment; however the Downtown Raleigh is easily accessible from campus. Not to mention that three all women's colleges, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill are all nearby.

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University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana

Known for their top academics and quality athletics, Notre Dame offers students a traditional education. 11,000 students study at this Roman Catholic, liberal arts university. Among its many excellent programs are theology, English, philosophy, chemical engineering, liberal studies, business, chemistry and accounting. Academics are rigorous and competitive, but knowledgeable and accessible professors make for a much better learning experience. Since most students are from out of state, it is not surprising that the majority live on campus. Housing rules and visitation hours are strict, and no fraternities or sororities are allowed. However, Notre Dame's unisex dorms are close knit, and the sense of community is certainly not lacking. Catholicism is ever present on campus; many administrators are priests, most students are Catholic, and each dorm has a chapel and optional daily mass. However, diversity has been increasing over the last few years, and the religious affiliation isn't overwhelming. Social issues often spark debate on campus. Boasting one of the nation's best athletic programs, Notre Dame is possibly better known for football than its academics. Tons of athletic events take place on campus, and about three quarters of students participate in intramurals. Overall, Notre Dame is a thriving University.

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Northeastern University

Boston, Massachusetts

Northeastern is the best school in the country for a Co-Op education. It is a very structured curriculum. Every student alternates between work and school semesters. This structure makes it difficult to switch majors without losing credits. It is not easy to explore different academic fields. The curriculum is more about pursuing then exploring. The campus feels like a corporate park with state of the art facilities in downtown Boston. Most degrees are 5-year programs due to the alternating semesters. Co-Ops are secured collaboratively between the student and the school and are not guaranteed, but it is rare that a student does not get a Co-Op. There is not a very strong feeling of community or connectivity among students, because they come and go between study and work semesters. Housing is beautiful

apartment-style housing. The school is not for a student that thrives on relationships or need to explore majors. There is a real serious tone on campus. Their financial aid program is very weak.

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Northwestern University

Evanston, Illinois

Northwestern is home to about 7600 students, making it the smallest and only private university in the Big Ten Conference. Students have great school spirit and access to quality Division I sports. Oddly enough, professors can play on their sports teams. There are two lake beaches on the campus, which is located twelve miles from Chicago. Northwestern runs on a quarter system where students take two to three classes per session. Professors are easily accessible; appointments are not necessary to meet with them. The university motto includes the four C's: Choice, Collaboration, Communication, Chicago. Northwestern has a residential college system with theme housing, where students with the same major take courses in the dorm. Students are extremely motivated, friendly, and high achievers. It is very possible to double major. While exploring their careers and majors, students are pre-professional. There is a 7:1 student to faculty ratio, and only twenty percent of classes are taught by graduate level students. The curriculum is flexible, making it easy to take classes in other majors. Advising is strong, and there is a freshman seminar class for undecided students. Northwestern is a politically active campus, with two liberal and one conservative newspaper. Evanston, Illinois is a great college town, but students do not feel a lot of pressure to drink. The Student Theater Program puts on five plays per weekend. Northwestern is one of the best Broadcast Journalism schools in the country.

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Oberlin College

Oberlin, Ohio

Oberlin is located 35 miles from Cleveland. It has a very large yet contained campus set on 440 acres. The college is known for its liberal, independent minded students, social engagement, academic excellence, commitment to social justice in a courageous and fearless way. They adopted an interracial mission thirty years before the Emancipation Proclamation. It has one of the strongest college art collections in the country and has one of the strongest music programs. Their honor code is one of the best administered and honored in the country; no cheating or theft. The art museum loans out art pieces for a five dollar fee, including Picasso's. Four hundred pieces are loaned each year without insurance, and in 60 years there have been zero incidences. It was the first college in the country to admit women. The school has a very strong music conservatory, and non-conservatory students can take lessons and try out for the orchestra there. There are over 400 musical events each year. The recreation fitness center is world class. This was the first school in the country where religion was taught. Biology, Environmental Science (there is a 65 million dollar center that generates more energy than it uses) and Creative Writing are excellent programs. The student body is very sophisticated and dynamic, with intellectual interests. Housing is varied with 23 different halls, many of which are language or culture based. Some faculty members live in the first year dorms. There's also co-op housing where students do their own cooking and cleaning. Most of the 2700 students live on campus. Students must complete 3 out of 4

January terms to produce an academic personal field project. The school is academically rigorous but not competitive. There is no core curriculum; it's very possible to double major.

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Oglethorpe University

Atlanta, Georgia

Located in suburban Atlanta, Oglethorpe was founded to bring Ivy League education to the south, but is not an Ivy League school. It is known as a work hard, play hard school for a solid B, B+ student. They have a strong English department and golf program. The curriculum is writing focused. The average student writes 15 to 20 papers per semester. They have a cap on class size at 20, so students really get the attention needed from professors. Students say they would like to have more campus life on the weekends. Most exams are essay format, with very few fill in the blanks or multiple choice questions. School spirit is mediocre at best. About half of all students live on the campus, which is very clean, and the students are on the traditional side. Academic scholarships are based on the quality of the essay. Almost all students do internships, and their program is very strong. Greek life draws about 28% participation. It is home to one of the first college radio stations. The campus has its own nature trails and is very safe and close to the city. Among their strongest majors are Biology, Business, Economics, English, Political Science, and Pre-Law.

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Oxford College of Emory University

Oxford, Georgia

Oxford is a two year residential college that essentially ensures your admission into Emory, which is a half hour away. It is a quiet school that is very academically intense. There is a nice dance studio and new drama building. It is a dry campus, and there is a free shuttle to the Emory campus, but cars are allowed on campus. Certain courses are teleconferenced between Emory and Oxford. Students that go on to Emory often say they worked harder at Oxford. There are only about 600 students, with an average GPA of about 3.6 with a 1200 on the math and reading SATs. All students live on campus, and all dorms are co-ed. The founder of Coca-Cola graduated from Oxford and gave 105 million dollars to the college. It is a small school atmosphere with a very nice campus. Oxford has a liberal arts curriculum and the same academic standards as Emory.

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Parsons School of Design

New York City, New York

There are 3,500 undergrad students at Parsons School of Design. There are two campuses: one in Greenwich Village and the other in Midtown Manhattan. Parsons was founded in 1896 and is one of the nations most prestigious design schools. The school is home to hardworking, "wacky" students. At Parsons, students receive a career focused education. The fashion design program is rigorous and very well known; fashion students tend to be cutthroat. Other programs include Animation, Industrial Design of Robotics, Product Design and Photography. First year foundation courses are mandatory and intense. Obscure classes include Cell Phone Design and Children's Book Illustration. New York City provides a

plethora of art galleries, advertising agencies, and textile manufacturers, all important resources for Parson's students.

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University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

U Penn is one of the original Ivy League schools, located in downtown Philadelphia. It has about 10,000 students. One of the Hallmarks is their "practical" approach to liberal arts and sciences. The college was founded by Ben Franklin to study the practical arts, at a time when colleges only taught religion and philosophy. U Penn's current focus is on a well rounded education. Each of the twelve colleges within the university has a core curriculum. Students can take classes in colleges outside their own, though it may be hard to meet a major's requirements if a student is spread across too many disciplines. Many students graduate with joint degrees to combine their interests in different disciplines. Students at U Penn are happy, engaged and enjoy traditions. (i.e. Old Toast during the third quarter of football games) Forty percent of U Penn students are international. The students are considered "work hard play hard." They are a very social group. The campus has its own police force and is very safe. There are three dining halls, many eateries across campus, and eateries throughout the adjacent streets. One of U Penn's most popular programs is the Wharton School of Business, considered the top business school in the country. Wharton offers B.S. Degrees in economics and almost two dozen specializations. The Wharton undergraduate environment is more competitive than the overall U Penn environment.

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Philadelphia University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Originally founded as the Philadelphia College of Textile and Design, Philadelphia University offers over forty majors and many fields of specialization. It is a unique combination of majors, ranging from digital design to chemistry, textile and interior design to environment biology. The academic environment is intimate and the campus is very well appointed and quaint. It is located in very affluent, residential section of Philadelphia. The campus is very safe and offers mass transit to downtown, about 7 miles away. There are 2300 undergraduate students. Only professors teach; there are no teaching assistants. There are new dorms and dining halls. Some dorms look like castles. As of the fall of 2006, Philadelphia University opened a brand new, state-of-the-art student complex and athletic center. The computer labs and library are also up to date. There is a core curriculum, though most majors provide specific classes as early as freshman year. There are six schools within the university: liberal arts, engineering and textiles, science and health, media and design, architecture and pre-architecture, and business. Internships are available in all majors. This is not a suit case school; most students stay on campus. The university attracts a more career focused student, socially independent, and like bit quiet.

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Pine Manor College

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

This is an all women's college with approximately 400 students in Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Boston, with easy access to downtown. 55% of the students are minority students, and they

have a consortium with Boston College and Babson for courses. It is less selective in the admissions process, and gives the B student the opportunity to take classes at more selective schools. Many more minors are available than majors, approximately 4 times more. The campus is very protected, wooded, and intimate. They offer rolling admission, and are one of the most affordable private schools in the country, with a strong financial aid program.

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University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh students can take up to six courses at Park Point College, which has a very strong Musical Theater and Film program, and can also take one course per semester at Carnegie Melon. U Pitt is especially strong in languages. Students can major or concentrate in up to 35 languages. Jazz music is also a strong program, as is their health sciences, humanities, philosophy, sciences, and business. Overall there are 101 majors available. The average class size is about 37 students, with the largest having 200. Language and writing classes usually have less than twenty students. An interesting structure on campus is the tower of learning, the main academic building which is 42 stories high and houses all of the classrooms. They are right across the street from the Carnegie Museum, and the location is very safe. The university offers study abroad to over 400 locations. The university has ten undergraduate schools, each with its own career day. U Pitt has one of the top five Co-op programs in the country. Block registration is offered, so students can keep their classes to two days a week, allowing them to hold a part time job.

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Plymouth State College

Plymouth, New Hampshire

Plymouth State is a medium sized state college of 3300 students, set in a rural area adjacent to a nice town. Outdoor recreation is a big part of campus lifestyle. The campus is extremely well kept and up to date. New buildings include a museum, art center, and a 16 million dollar science center. Spectator sports are not a strong component of campus life. Plymouth, NH is very mountainous. The campus is smaller than Keene State, but has more of a focus on the outdoors and recreation, but is not as cozy as Colby Sawyer. They have a loan system where students can take out canoes and other recreation gear. Students are very involved in the administration, sitting in on every faculty meeting. A freshman seminar is required for incoming freshmen, helping them bond with the school. Robert Frost taught at Plymouth State and his collection is held there. Greek life only draws five percent. Fifty percent of students go home on weekends, which is typical for state schools. There internships program is very strong and required by some majors. The art center and theater are beautiful. The four strongest majors are biotechnology, business management, education, and meteorology. There is not a lot of social activism on campus.

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Providence College

Providence, Rhode Island

PC is a Roman Catholic college with about 3700 students, located in downtown Providence. PC provides students with what may be the best of both worlds. (The city of Providence has 30,000 college students) It is small enough to get to know people and have a nurturing environment, small classes and flexibility to change majors, but has the excitement and stature

of Division I athletics. The school is on a defined, peaceful campus that is actually located in a vibrant, urban center. There is a real influence of Providence College's Dominican roots, in that they try to instill civility on campus and encourage debate with civility in mind. The student body has a family atmosphere. There is a strong sense of loyalty on campus. For some students, however, the culture may feel too conservative. For example, the religious influence does affect campus policies with regard to minimal coed housing, curfew for opposite gender, and dining hall meal plans. (During Lent for example) There is a chapel on campus. The college became SAT/ACT optional in 2006. One of the Hallmarks of the curriculum is the Western Civilizations course, mandatory for all freshman and sophomores. The curriculum is very traditional with few specializations. It is a liberal arts and science curriculum. PC provides excellent academic advising. Students are required to meet with their advisor at least twice a semester. Three quarters of all students live on campus. The majority of students do volunteer work. There is a lot of school spirit and sense of community on campus. There are many ways for a student to get involved and build relationships.

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Ramapo College

Mahwah, New Jersey

Located in northern New Jersey, 45 minutes from NYC, this public university attracts independent and mature students. It has a beautiful campus with lots of new facilities: new dorms a great cafeteria and new fitness center. Most students live on campus. A small percentage of students participate in Greek life. There is only one lecture hall and no classes have over 30 people. There is essentially one academic building where all classes are held. Communications and Psychology are top programs. It takes about 10 minutes to walk across the campus, which is very pretty lots of trees and grass. Professors are very accessible and give students their home phone numbers. Top students are paid to tutor. Because of it's proximity to New York City, they have lots of co-op and internship opportunities. They are number one in Jersey for study abroad. There's a strong freshman seminar program. The school is racially mixed. Free bus trips to New York City on weekends are covered by student fees. Housing has private bathrooms, carpeted dorms, two phone lines, and two bedrooms. All freshmen live in suites and the dorms have their own computer labs. The guest policy in dorms insures stability. They have strong intramurals. The New York Yankees used to practice on campus. The dining hall is very nice and has great food. There is a beautiful performing arts center with Broadway quality productions.

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Rhode Island School of Design

Providence, Rhode Island

Adjacent to Brown University with about 2000 students, RISD is one of the most well known art institutes in the country. They have an extremely high retention rate. Approximately 90 percent of students graduate within five years. Only 30 percent of students are from New England. The curriculum is known for its first year foundation course, requiring coursework in all the major art mediums. Freshman year also includes a six week winter session. 85 percent of students do internships before graduation. Specific courses in the major begin during sophomore year. Senior year includes a major project lasting the entire year. One

third of all classes are required in the liberal arts. The school offers Masters and bachelors degrees in many areas, including 16 different majors within the Bachelors of Fine Arts. Students are able to take classes at Brown. (Foreign language is the most popular.) An art portfolio is required for admission. A pre-college art program during the summer is very helpful in building the portfolio, which counts for about 60% of the admit decision. A student who fits at RISD is someone who is passionate about art but not sure which medium to focus on. One third of all students live on campus. Providence is a very good college city.

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Rice University

Houston, Texas

Rice University is a small, national engineering and science university focused on undergraduates. They have one of the strongest undergraduate research focuses of any school; it is required of all students. Due to the school's very large endowment, it has historically been under priced. Rice is located in a sprawling suburban section of Houston, down the street from the world's largest medical center, thirteen hospitals and plenty of research opportunities. The school has a residential college system, where students live in cluster based on major. There are eight residential colleges and some professors live in the dorms with students. There is an extremely selective pre-admit medical college program with Baylor; only fifteen students are admitted each year. Rice is also strong in architecture and music, with auditions required for the music conservatory program. Student advising is very strong and DI sports are a very popular tradition on campus. A very high percentage of students go onto graduate school. Rice looks for academically focused students, even if you are undecided about major applications must identify an academic passion. They want to know what a student will bring to the residential college system. There are about 320 students per college. There is no Greek system, as each college is the social and residential framework of student life. There is an academic honor code with self scheduled exams.

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Rider University

Lawrenceville, New Jersey

This public university is located in New Jersey and has approximately 3000 students. The facilities are decent but not spectacular. The largest classes have about 70 students, but the average is 25. There are no TA's; full professors do all the teaching. There is a train station on campus that takes students into Philadelphia in 30 minutes. There is a mall within 5 minutes. Campus is five miles from Princeton, NJ. Rider is a very social school with a lot to do. Roughly 10 to 15 percent of students join the Greek system. Rider has Division 1 sports but does not have a football team. There is a big lake on the 340 acre campus. It is not a traditional looking college, architecturally speaking. 70 percent of students live on campus. Rider has a strong Communications program.

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Ringling College of Art

Sarasota, Florida

The president of Ringling was one of the founders of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The college offers four year BFA programs for its 1000 full time students; two thirds are from Florida. There are roughly 40 Art and Design Schools in the country and Ringling was ranked in the top six in 2008. They have a consortium with RISD. First year students take a core studies program, which is a foundation in art. Ringling is one of the most technologically advanced art and design schools in the country, with 400 of the same computers that Disney and Dreamworks use. The curriculum teaches students to transition in life and to become problem solvers. Students at Ringling are focused on art and want to be there. The strong student life blends with academics. The curriculum allows students to become focused as opposed to a broad curriculum like RISD. Students are drawn to Ringling for its strong student life blended with academics, the curriculum focused on six strong areas, and learning to think and reason through literature, history, and arts. They have a very high success rate into top graduate programs and great career services, which begins working with students' freshman year. Students are acclaimed for their work ethic, portfolio, and resume preparation. They offer rolling admissions except for their most competitive program, Computer Animation, which requires strong math skills. About half of the students live on campus. Students are immersed in art, and their social life is based off their art work. There is a beach nearby, and other colleges as well, and club sports are available. The school has a class entitled "Taxes and the Artist", which lends them to be a very practical school. They have a Career Conference every other year to open students up to job possibilities. The faculty is passionate and demanding. The admissions process is looking for citizenship, inquiry, drive, potential, and a good portfolio. Ringling has weak financial aid programs, but they do have a high student retention rate.

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Rivier College

Nashua, New Hampshire

Rivier is a small, rural school with lots of specialized majors. It is a Catholic school of about 800 full time students, with half the students living on campus. The ratio of women to men is roughly 4:1. There are some nuns on faculty. Nursing is Rivier's strongest program and early childhood education is strong as well. Both have state of the art buildings. The passing rate for the nursing exam is 86%; higher than the NH average. There is a small gymnasium and small field house; the recreation center is adequate. Everything is clean and well maintained. The school has made recent improvements to the computer science and business programs. 65 % of two year students stay four years. Biology labs are very good; students are well prepared for graduate programs in research. This college is very good for the quiet student who needs a place to blossom. It is a place that feels like home, as long as students don't mind the Catholic atmosphere, though the religious fabric is not too rigid. Catholic classes are not required. It is very easy for students to get involved and participate in sports. It is a school that emphasizes moral development. One third of New Hampshire's new nurses each year graduate from Rivier. Education is a major, not just a certification or minor. Every Teacher/Education student will receive 150-300 hours of practicum experience in the classroom during freshman year, which is helpful to know if you really want to teach. Every student has two advisors. There is an active career center that gets freshman involved right away. It only takes five students to start a club or organization. Dorms are coed by floor. If a student misses two classes in a row professors email both the student and advisor.

Roger Williams University

Bristol, Rhode Island

RWU has about 3000 students on its 140 acre campus on a peninsula surrounded by water. It is located about twenty miles from Providence. The college was established in 1956 and has relatively new construction. The campus feels very much like a Floridian setting. Students are very friendly and while the school is a private university, it has the social dynamics of a public university, meaning students tend to be laid back and there seems to be a lot of socioeconomic diversity. Students dress down. Roger Williams was the governor of RI and stood for egalitarian principles; true equality among people. You can really feel that among campus; social class divisions cease to exist. The university offers a liberal arts foundation, though also offers a separate colleges for business, architecture, engineering, and criminal justice. These are among its strongest departments. Creative writing and dance are also considered strong. Students in the honors program receive preferred housing. Three quarters of all students live on campus. Students are allowed to have cars on campus, though freshmen cannot. While the campus is very nice, the parking lots can detract from the campus feel. The average class size is about 26 students, the largest having 40. Teaching assistants do not teach. RWU is not a party school; there are no social fraternities. It is not a suit case school. Part of the core curriculum is a concentration is in the college of arts and sciences, unrelated to your major. The focus is liberal arts and applied pre-professional. Because the school is young, there are not a lot of traditions. There is a new state of the art student and recreation center, and also quality facilities including: the food court, courtyards, aquatic center, athletic fields, all new and state of the art.

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Rollins College

Winter Park, Florida

Rollins College is the alma mater of Mr. Rogers. They have quality programs in Education, Music, and Theater and also have a very good tennis team. The campus has a Spanish feel to its architecture, is very well groomed and close by Orlando. They love Early Decision applicants and look for students with character and leadership. The writing center is staffed by professors. There is a 13:1 student to faculty ratio, no teaching assistants, and all teachers have PhD's. Class sizes average at about 20 students. All registered organizations must do community service work. The affluent student body is a mix of liberal and conservative students. There are specialty houses within the residence halls. There are many traditions within the dorms, creating a sense of community. The campus is officially dry. The location, nice, wholesome kids, great facilities, good language and international affairs departments, and safety and wellness are the talking points for Rollins. They are pretty fair with their financial aid programs. The freshman seminar program includes 12 freshman and 2 upperclassmen mentors per group. The orientation program is for one full week, helping prepare students for their freshman year.

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Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Terre Haute, Indiana

Rose-Hulman, with only about 1,800 students, a focus on engineering and the sciences, and a skewed gender ratio, is certainly not your typical Midwestern college. The school has fifteen

majors that are all in engineering and the sciences. Of these, its strongest programs are civil engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and computer science. The faculty is eager to help students learn, there are no TA's, and almost every class has less than 25 students. Since the school has only been co-ed since 1995, there are many more men than women on campus. Still, as the school is close to Indiana State and St. Mary's of the Woods, the gender ratio is not suffocating. Students are smart, motivated, competitive, computer lovers, apolitical, hardworking, and inventive. The campus is not ethnically diverse. Many students live on campus, at least for the first few years. Terre Haute is a quiet town, but offers some restaurants, a mall, a Starbucks, and movie theaters. Most students participate in intramurals and the school competes in Division III.

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Rutgers: State University of New Jersey

Piscataway, New Jersey

Rutgers is a huge state university with over 37,000 undergraduates, three regional campuses, 100 undergrad majors, and 4,000 courses offered. The New Brunswick/Piscataway campus has the most students, the Newark campus has a campus neighborhood feel, and the Camden campus is the smallest but is close to Philadelphia. With many notable programs, accounting, history, pharmacy, biological sciences, political science, psychology, engineering, and chemistry are noteworthy. The workload is challenging but not oppressively so and the professors are dynamic and intelligent. There is also an honors program that offers special seminars, internships, independent projects, and opportunities to research with the faculty. The school has a 370-acre ecological preserve that the students can use. Most students come from New Jersey, but the school has a large amount of ethnic diversity. Housing is available to students, but many choose to live off campus. Still, on campus there are many activities such as movies, coffeehouses, bands, lectures and parties. The school has over 1,000 athletes, which is the most of any university in the nation. It also has many competitive teams and competes in the Big East for football.

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University of St. Andrews

St. Andrews, Scotland

St. Andrews is certainly a place for those seeking a unique college experience. Founded in 1413 on the eastern shore of Scotland, St. Andrews lets in about 550 American students a year and another 250 come per year for study abroad. The college has the highest proportion of Americans at any major university outside North America. About a quarter of students are not from the UK. The college differs from traditional American Universities. It is made of ancient stone and is near the ruins of a 14th century castle and cathedral. Students in Europe usually decide on a major before entering college. In the first two years students take three yearlong classes of three lectures per week with 100 or more students and a tutorial with 10 to 20 students. In the last two years, student's classes are in seminar format. These classes have large reading lists and students are expected to do much on their own. Still, professors are accessible and friendly and the academic counseling gets high praise. Of its many notable programs, art history, medieval history, English, international relations, modern languages, physics, and psychology are strong. Students usually live on campus their first year and then move into apartments. St. Andrew's is a town of about 18,000 offering many amenities including 28 pubs, which all students can use as the drinking age is 18 in Scotland. In the

UK, university sports are not as popular as they are in the US, but the ‘interhall’ (intramural) competitions are quite popular.

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Saint Anselm College

Manchester, New Hampshire

St. Anselm is a rural, Roman Catholic liberal arts school with about 200 students. Their focus is mainly on broad based majors. Very high academic standards exist, as well as strong athletics. The campus is quiet on the weekends, though ninety percent of all students do live on campus. Housing is not coed and has very strict coed visiting policies. There are three dormitory areas, one dining hall, and one pub on campus. There is a true liberal arts curriculum: the first two years are core and non-interdisciplinary. It is not uncommon to see Benedictine monks on campus, though most professors are not members of the clergy. Students are mainly conservative and polite. The facilities seem rather plain and institutional, though the campus is quite nice. There is no swimming pool on campus, but there is a new ice rink for the hockey team. Newer football and baseball fields are available, but the gymnasium is small. Overall, students love the sense of closeness, strong academics, the schools location and the focus on values and traditions. The most popular majors are economics, psychology, and biology.

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College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University

Collegeville, Minnesota

CSB is a women’s college and the sister school to nearby SJU, a men’s college. Although they have two campuses, they make one school with about 3,800 students and a Roman Catholic tradition. The school has many traditions, lots of school spirit, and operates as a close-knit community. St. John’s campus is 2,400 acres of forests, lakes, and wide-open space. The campuses are five miles apart and a shuttle connects them. Students take classes at both colleges. Biology, chemistry, economics, music, psychology, education, nursing, and management are the strongest programs. Courses are rigorous and competitive but the faculty is passionate and accommodating. Only about 10% of the faculty is monks. Undergrad research is available and CSB/SJU is among the top three liberal arts colleges in the nation for the number of students who study abroad. Most students are Roman Catholic, white, and from Minnesota. Students are warm, welcoming, politically varied, friendly, relaxed, motivated, and outgoing. Almost everyone lives on campus and there is no Greek system. St. Cloud is ten minutes away and offers coffee shops, restaurants, shopping, and movies. The Division III football team has done very well and the basketball team is also regularly successful.

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Saint John’s College

Annapolis, Maryland/Santa Fe, New Mexico

St. John’s has two campuses with just over 500 students at each one. The curriculum at consists of the 150 Great Books, which are the books deemed the most influential works of Western civilization. This mean the students read Thucydides, Tolstoy, Euclid, Einstein, Ptolemy, Freud, etc. Every student reads the Great Books and then discusses them, writes about them, and debates the issues they raise. Students don’t register for classes as there is

only one set curriculum. Students take four years of math, two years of ancient Greek and French, three years of lab science, a year of music, and study the Great Books throughout. Readings for courses are all primary sources. For example math is taught from Euclid and Ptolemy. Classes are extremely rigorous but as they are all small-group, discussion based classes without letter grades, there is little competition. ‘Tutors’ teach the classes; advanced students who would be tenured professors elsewhere. Students at St. John’s are smart, intellectual, nonconformist, opinionated, intensely studious, politically apathetic, passionate about learning, like to explore and question, and love group discussion. The college is not ethnically diverse on either campus. Most students live on campus in both Annapolis and Santa Fe and neither campus has a Greek system. The Santa Fe campus offers the opportunities for varied outdoor activities as it is near several national parks. Annapolis offers students the resources of a state capitol and the benefits of a city. About a third of St. John’s students spend time on both campuses throughout their time there.

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Saint Joseph’s College

Standish, Maine

St Josephs is a Roman Catholic College with very nice students. It is a beautiful campus with a lot of new buildings, and has a very low tuition cost. It is a great school for the “homebody” who wants to go away to school. SJC is a small family oriented school with wholesome values and people that care. There is not a very diverse student body. They have a brand new athletic facility on their very self contained campus. The faculty and staff are very nurturing to students. 75% of all students live in the dorms, and there are fewer than 1,000 students in total. Alcohol is permitted on campus for students of legal age. 75% of their students participate in intramural sports. It is located about 16 miles from Portland, ME.

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Saint Joseph’s University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

St. Josephs is a private Jesuit university with about 4000 students. It’s location in a very safe suburban section of Philadelphia is only five miles from the city center. The campus has a relaxed feel, with ample open space. Completion of a brand new state-of-the-art sports complex and fitness center is expected in 2009. The school feels very similar in size and student body to Providence College, but the campus feels more like that of Boston College, though smaller and less grand. The university places a lot of emphasis on ethics and service to others. Service learning or credit for volunteer work is available in every major. About half of all students go on to graduate school. Most students see St. Josephs as excellent career preparation within a liberal arts philosophy. Some of their strong majors are medical sciences, pre-law, marketing, food marketing, and pharmaceutical marketing. Campbell’s Soups has donated a lot of money to the school. St. Joseph's is one of very few schools in the country to have a live Wall Street trading room. Finance majors are able to manage a \$100,000 portfolio. Co-ops are available in all 10 business majors, where students can earn (on average) \$20,000 a year and graduate in four years with summer classes. There are twenty varsity sports, though no football team. The school rallies around its Division I basketball team. Approximately 10 percent of students join the Greek system.

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Saint Louis University

St. Louis, Missouri

SLU is a university with about 6,500 undergrads and a Jesuit tradition. The school emphasizes individualized learning, contributing to society, and producing graduates who will be the leaders of social change. Students are required to take philosophy and theology classes as well as distribution requirements. Of its many strong programs, biology, chemistry, criminal justice/forensic science, philosophy, psychology, and theology top the list. SLU also has a unique specialty in aviation science which allows students to become professional pilots. Although there is a competitive spirit in the classes, students have a sense of camaraderie among each other. Professors are praised as being smart, qualified, and engaging. Students are down to earth, very focused on community service, have genuine concern for each other, and have diverse opinions. The student body is not especially diverse ethnically. A little less than half of the students come from Missouri. Most students live on campus and there are lots of campus and Greek events to keep students occupied. St. Louis provides students with restaurants, coffee shops, movies, museums, bars, sports, and a vibrant nightlife. Although they have no football team, they do have an extremely successful Division I men's soccer team and competitive basketball teams.

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Saint Mary's College of Maryland

St. Mary's City, Maryland

This is the public honors college of Maryland, with about 4000 students. As a public school, there is a good mix of socioeconomic diversity. The students are very smart, and a very diverse population, from 'LL Bean' kids to 'Rolling Stone' kids. It is a beautiful serene campus with a few lakes, and all of the dorms have fireplaces. The dining hall is gorgeous and the food is excellent. Most classes are under 15 students. It is in a remote location situated on the St. Mary's River, about an hour south of D.C. but campus life is very important, and there is a lot of school spirit around their athletics. This is not a religious school. Sailing conditions are outstanding, and it has often been the Collegiate National Sailing Champions. It is an affordable school, and the typical student there does not need to be entertained and is pretty independent. One of the most popular clubs is the Community Service Club. The school is geared for exploration, helping kids explore their academic interests. Students who go there generally like the outdoors and are friendly. The average tenure of the professors is about 20 years, so they are experienced in their teaching field. The campus feels very intimate and calm, and is not crowded.

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Saint Olaf College

Northfield, Minnesota

St. Olaf is a classic liberal arts school located five minutes from Carleton College, their athletic rival. The area is rural, about a half hour from Minneapolis. More than half of the students come from outside the state, making it an intensely residential campus; all students must live on campus. The college is an intentional community full of friendly, energetic, and motivated students. 48 states are represented among students, but administrators have a goal of making it more internationally diverse in next five years. An honor code and honors council exist; there are no locks on mailboxes and students generally leave doors open. Students lead a very large environmental initiative, and the school will be going for a

platinum lead award for being “green.” Four semesters of language are required and all majors are interdisciplinary. Unique majors include medieval studies and Norwegian. Nursing is especially strong. Generally, classes are small to medium sized. They have 120 study abroad programs and 80 percent of students take advantage of them, one of the top percentages in the United States. Among the campus’ great facilities is a new math and science center that includes the greenest of green cutting edge standards. St. Olaf has very high percentage of graduate math and science majors. Over a third of students are involved with music. There are more than twenty music groups on campus, including groups that have performed at the Olympics and the White House. There is no Greek life. Many students participate in Ecology Wars with Carleton, as they are very environmentally motivated. All advisors are full professors. There is only one cafeteria, but they are ranked number five in the country for food. Students here have a sense of style and pizzazz, more fashion conscious and personality than students at Gustavus Adolphus. Politically, the student body is fairly mainstream. They are friendly, hardworking, thoughtful, preppy and athletic. The campus center has a nice game room and coffee shop.

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Salve Regina University

Newport, Rhode Island

Salve Regina is a liberal arts and science university offering a few specializations, such as elementary education, med tech, nursing, criminal justice and business. In general, the school is a great place for an academic foundation and to explore interests for a solid B student. The campus is one of the most attractive in the country, situated on the cliffs of Newport, Rhode Island, amidst the Newport mansions. Many of the institutions buildings are mansions. It is one of the most stately settings you will see. Academic advising is very strong. Most majors are broad based and require internships. Freshman and sophomores are required to live on campus. The student body has approximately 200 students, comprised of mostly Caucasian, middle and upper middle class students. The school is Roman Catholic, though religious life is not all that present. Average class has about 19 students. Overall, the social and academic climate is very cozy. Students tend to be fashion conscious. One student quoted “living in a mansion was one of the most unique experiences of my life.” There is not much political activism on campus. The city of Newport is known for its wealth and sailing industry. There are slightly less than 50 student organizations on campus.

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San Diego State University

San Diego, California

San Diego State is a public university of roughly 27,000 students. With such a beautiful campus, great teaching, and a booming social environment, it’s hard to find anything wrong with the school. Professors engage students in meaningful discussions in and out of class. There is no standard class size at SDSU, but large classes are offset by passionate professors. Business management, social services, liberal arts, security and psychology are the most popular programs; though there are over 115 programs to choose from. Introductory courses may be taught by graduate students. Students can expect to mature academically and socially. The weather is virtually perfect all the time. Like the city of San Diego, this university is racially diverse. Unfortunately, different race groups tend to segregate on campus. It isn’t uncommon to see members of the student body protesting issues on campus; students here are

liberal. Religious views do not dominate any aspect of the school. The Greek presence is enormous, and at times overwhelming. Though nearly fifty fraternities, sororities, and colonies dominate the social scene, it is not necessary to join to have a social life. San Diego is a beautiful city filled with opportunity, whether it's entertainment, internships, or careers.

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University of San Francisco

San Francisco, California

The biggest draw for this university of about 4,800 undergrads is its prime location atop one of San Francisco's seven hills. San Francisco is a liberal and cosmopolitan city famed for its cable cars, hills, Golden Gate Bridge, China town, and Alcatraz. Social life usually takes place of campus as San Francisco has so much to offer in the way of nightlife. Strong programs include business administration, hospitality management, psychology, communication, nursing, biology, and Pacific Rim studies. The atmosphere is competitive and the classes challenging, but with knowledgeable and passionate teachers and an average of only 25 students per class, students will certainly be able to manage the workload. Students are open-minded, diverse, aware of the world, smart and fun. There are significantly more women than men at USF, but as the university is in the heart of a vibrant city, varied social options are not hard to come by. USF is a Jesuit university, but only about half of the students are Roman Catholic. Most students come from California, but the school is ethnically diverse. Students usually live on campus for the first two years and then move into the city. USF has an excellent soccer team as well as many other competitive sports programs.

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Santa Clara University

Santa Clara, California

SCU has about 4,700 undergraduates, a great location right outside San Jose, a Jesuit background, and an emphasis on helping the community and becoming part of the global society. The core curriculum revolves around three main themes: community, global societies, and leadership. Of its many strong programs communications, English, biology, psychology, finance, marketing, and mechanical engineering are especially notable. It is challenging but not competitive and promotes group learning. Students praise their teachers and say they truly care about teaching. There is also an honors program which offers special classes and sponsors a year at Oxford. Over half of the students are Roman Catholic and while religion does not dominate the campus, it is an integral part of it. Morality and ethics are threaded through the curriculum, but do not interfere with the high academic caliber the school maintains. Many students are white, rich, from prep schools, and from California or the West Coast. There is actually a good amount of ethnic diversity though. Freshman and sophomores usually live on campus while older students rent apartments. Although there is no Greek system, SCU still has a lively social life. With sun and fun surrounding the campus, students will always have tons of social and recreational options. SCU competes in Division I and the women's basketball, volleyball, and soccer teams have been very successful.

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Sarah Lawrence College

Bronxville, New York

Sarah Lawrence has about 1,500 students, with women outnumbering men by almost three to one. The humanities, fine arts, and creative writing are emphasized. The school is big on freedom and exploration within student's learning, so there are no mandatory or required courses, and students design their own program of study. Of its many excellent programs, history, literature, psychology, writing, and visual and performing arts are especially notable. Classes are all capped at 15 students and the professors are such involved and caring mentors they are said to be almost surrogate parents. There is a lot of work but the climate is cooperative rather than competitive. Writing is a major part of the Sarah Lawrence educational experience and extends through all areas of learning. Students are quirky, head-strong, intellectual, creative, highly-motivated, critical thinkers, independent learners, eclectic, very liberal, open-minded, close-knit, and not big partiers. A good chunk of students come from New York, and many of those from NYC. The campus has free dances, movies, plays, poetry readings, lectures, and coffeehouse to entertain students on the weekends, but most head to NYC for entertainment. Bronxville is thirty minutes outside NYC and is a wealthy suburbia. Sarah Lawrence competes in the Hudson Valley Conference athletically.

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Scripps College

Claremont, California

Scripps is a women's college with 873 students and is one of five colleges which share a large campus and are collectively called the Claremont College Consortium. The consortium affords students the opportunity to take an array of courses from Pitzer, Pomona, Claremont McKenna and Harvey Mudd Colleges, each with its own specialization ranging from engineering to social sciences and beyond. Students have the options of a larger school with the comfort of a smaller school with its own unique personality. Of its many strong programs, politics/international relations, English, studio art, biology, psychology, foreign languages, music, are especially notable. The classes are challenging but the professors are engaging and accessible. The atmosphere is helpful not competitive as the school emphasizes cooperation. A little less than half of the students are from California and there is a fair amount of ethnic diversity. Students are outgoing, expressive, serious about their education, fun-loving, open-minded, politically active, cooperative, and intelligent. Almost all students live on campus which is not surprising as many dorms have reflecting pools, inner courtyards, balconies, and rugs. Being part of the Claremont Consortium offers up a wide variety of social opportunities and students get e-mails telling them what's going on in all the colleges daily. The town of Claremont offers a farmer's market, shops, and restaurants. Athletics aren't the focus, but Scripps competes in Division III. They are joint teams with CMC and Harvey Mudd.

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Seton Hall University

South Orange, New Jersey

Seton Hall is a liberal arts university with roughly 5,000 undergrads. The university has a Roman Catholic affiliation; however other religions are represented. Students seem politically apathetic. SHU is home to students who tend to be trendy, cliquey and wealthy. About 30 percent of students come from a minority background, and three quarters hail from New Jersey. Twenty-three fraternities and sororities impact the social scene but students

cannot pledge until sophomore year. Seton Hall's athletic teams participate in NCAA Division 1. The men's basketball team draws a large student following, and tickets to games must be purchased (all other sporting events are free for students). Popular programs include business, marketing, the health professions, communications, social science and education. Classes range from rigorous and challenging to virtually effortless. Seton Hall is close to New York City; however students should be aware that trains only run until midnight.

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Simmons College

Boston, Massachusetts

This is an all girl's school, with access to plenty of co-ed colleges. One of the best academic bargains in that it has strong academics with an outstanding ratio of Liberal Arts and Sciences along with applied majors. It has a very interesting array of applied majors such as Arts Administration, Public Relations, Food Science and Nutrition. There are over 40 majors for approximately 1,000 students. They are outstanding in the Health Sciences, and are just 1 block from 3 medical centers. There is a definite sense of campus and community right in the heart of Boston. All students must do liberal arts until their junior year, when they can select a major. Average class size is about 20 students. They have beautiful facilities with very good financial aid and academic scholarship options. Nearly 100% of the students do volunteer work. Students are laid back, but academically strong. They have great technology. Housing is guaranteed for all four years. They have a nice quad and a large swimming pool. It is known as one of the colleges of the Fenway, allowing students to take classes at area colleges. Social activities are available through the consortium as well. About 25% of the students' cross-register at other colleges, and it is within walking distance of 15 other college campuses. They have 12:1 student to faculty ratio.

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Skidmore College

Saratoga Springs, New York

Skidmore has about 2,700 students, a liberal and open-minded atmosphere, a beautiful locations, and excellent academics. Classes here are small and discussion-based, the professors are knowledgeable and helpful, and the work level is neither overwhelming nor lenient. Of its many excellent programs, drama, studio art, English, biology, psychology, business, music, and government are especially notable. About half of the students go abroad and there are also summer grants available to fund research with the professors. Students are usually well-off, from the Northeast, and are not especially diverse ethnically. Students are described as preppy, jocks, hippies, liberal, easygoing, open-minded, and caring. Most students live in dorms which are well liked as most have carpets, air-conditioning, and window seats. Skidmore has no Greek system though. The Adirondack Mountains are nearby as are many other areas which offer a plethora of outdoor activities. Saratoga Springs has some nice shops, a performing arts center, a famous horse racing track, and some nice restaurants. Skidmore competes in Division III athletics and intramurals are popular.

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Smith College

Northampton, Massachusetts

Smith is a women's college with around 3,000 students, an accepting and liberal environment, and excellent academics in areas many women's colleges fall short in. It is the only women's college to offer engineering. Of its many excellent programs, government, art, psychology, biological sciences, and economics are especially notable. The courses are challenging but interesting, and the professors are highly acclaimed as being both knowledgeable and accessible. Full professors teach all courses and are experts in their areas of study. Smith students help rather than compete with each other and there is an honors system which promotes this cooperative feel. Most students are from out of state and the campus is ethnically diverse. Students are passionate, liberal, involved, intelligent, committed to social change, eclectic, and open-minded. Almost all students live on campus in the unique housing system. Instead of dorms, there are 35 houses with 13 to 100 students to choose from. Each house is self-governing; has a living room, a TV room, and a study room; have large and open rooms; and have a mix of grades in each house. Social life is varied and plentiful, especially with the funky and thriving artsy town of Northampton at its doorstep. Northampton has movies, places for music and dancing, clubs, a bowling alley, and lots of excellent restaurants. Smith is also close to UMass, Amherst College, Hampshire College, and Mont Holyoke College, and so can easily access a wide variety of social options. Smith also offers a variety of competitive varsity athletics.

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University of the South (Sewanee)

Sewanee, Tennessee

University of the South is a school steeped in tradition and Southern culture. It's affiliated with the Episcopal Church and the students are overwhelmingly Christian. Many students are 'legacies' and come from old-line Southern families. Many students are preppy, smart, fun, and white. The school has only about 1,500 students, so there is a lot of personalized learning and a sense of community. Of its many strong programs, English, history, psychology, math, forestry, and geology are especially notable. The classes are challenging but students help each other rather than compete with one another. One of the traditions is that most professors and the honor society wear black academic gowns. Women also usually wear dresses or skirts to class and men wear jackets and ties. The honor code is also taken very seriously, and to be found lying, cheating, or stealing can result in expulsion. Greek life is big at USC, with most students involved. Frat parties are large and lively and drinking is a part of the life. The school competes in Division III athletics, which students support enthusiastically. People go for the social aspect more than the game though and attend dressed in coats, ties, and dresses as they do during class.

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University of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina

Known for its international business program and specialty in criminal justice, USC is a university with a good location, lots of spirit, and good academics. The school has about 25,600 students, of which about 17,700 are undergrads. Of its many strong programs, biology, English, international business, psychology, criminal justice, nursing, and business are especially notable. Most classes have less than 25 students, so the faculty can give students individualized attention. Since Columbia is the state capital, students have the opportunities to get valuable internships or jobs in the government or with local businesses. Most students

come from South Carolina and the school is not ethnically diverse. Less than half of the students live on campus and the Greeks provide much of the weekend social life. Columbia has theaters, a comedy club, a performing arts center, bars, and restaurants. The school has a lively and sports-oriented culture that is most evident during fall football weekends. Football is the most popular sport, but basketball is also well liked and competitive.

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University of Southern California

Los Angeles, California

USC is a university with strong arts and media programs located in the heart of Los Angeles. The university has about 16,000 undergrads and 28,000 students total. With 235 acres of park-like land and quick access to the vitality of L.A., USC is in a prime location. Of its many strong programs, business, cinema/television, engineering, communication, and art are especially notable. The academic climate is challenging but the professors get high marks. There is also a Thematic Option for outstanding students, providing smaller classes and specialized instruction. The school has a strong alumni network to help students after they graduate. Students are all different but many are artsy, brilliant, outgoing, friendly, ambitious, and assertive. Most students come from California, but the university has the most foreign students of any college in the US. The school is ethnically diverse. About a fifth of the students participate in the Greek system. Because of the University's location, getting killer internships is the trend. L.A. also offers many cultural, social, and academic opportunities. Sports are big at USC, and football is the king among them.

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University of Southern Maine

Gorham, Maine

Best feature of this school is their wide array of majors. The fact that they are located on two campuses that each student uses can be an attraction or detraction for students. The residential campus is in Gorham, which is a 15 minute car ride from downtown Portland, where 80% of the academic buildings are. There is a shuttle that goes every 45 minutes between the campuses. They have a strong communication broadcasting program, sports medicine, nursing and business. They also have a lot of student organizations and Greek Life. There are a lot of non-traditional part time students that do not live on campus. This makes a large commuting adult student population. There are about 4000 full time undergraduate students, and about 5000 part time students. They also have a nice residential honors program. There are not a lot of traditions on campus. Music is also a popular major. The average class size is 25 students. It is easier to transfer between majors if students decide to switch.

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Southern Methodist University

Dallas, Texas

Known for a beautiful campus and producing the business elite of Dallas, SMU, is a traditional college with a great location. The school is close to more than 800 high-tech companies, so co-op jobs are easy to obtain. Of its many strong programs, history, anthropology, political science, business, natural sciences, premed, and performing arts are especially notable. Professors' care and TA's never teach. Almost all freshman classes have less than 50 students and courses are interactive and apply theories to the real world. There is

an honors program which has special seminars and President's Scholars which get free tuition, opportunities to go on retreats and study abroad, are matched with corporate mentors, and meet with world leaders. The school has about 11,200 students of which about 6,500 are undergraduates. The students are conservative, mostly white, and from middle or upper class families. Despite its name, the school is nondenominational. About half of the students live on campus and many students are involved in the Greek system. Formals and other Greek parties are invitation only. Most of the social life takes place off campus, as that is where the Greeks are. Dallas has tons of options, including sports teams, museums, amusement parks, entertainment, and shopping. Football is big at SMU as it is in most of Texas, and they compete in Division I-A.

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Southern New Hampshire University

Manchester, New Hampshire

This school has about 1600 full time, and 3,000 part time students. Most of SNHU's majors are specialized into specific careers, such as business, advertising, hospitality, sports management, and education. The business department has a New York stock exchange trading room with a ticker tape. There are a lot of international students on campus. Classes are never bigger than thirty students. The school is located two miles from downtown Manchester. SNHU is well known for its culinary program. Its location is close to the mountains as well as Boston. The university was founded as a business school in the 1930's. Many majors require co-ops and many employers come to interview on campus for jobs. There are many new buildings. Psychology majors must do 200 hours of community service, as well as Greek organizations. Many professors urge participation in community service. Freshmen are allowed to have cars. The fitness center is outstanding. Overall it is a very social school with very specialized majors and good scholarship money.

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University of South Florida

Tampa, Florida

There are roughly 17,000 full-time undergraduate students divided among USF's three campuses. Only about twenty percent of students live in school owned housing. They are considered a Carnegie 1 Research 1 University, and are the second largest University in the South East as of 2008. There is a lot of school spirit but not much of a sense of community. 800 employers and co-op internships come to interview students on campus each year. The university is not in the urban center, but 15 miles out down the Gulf Coast. The campus is known for its diverse, friendly people. They are very strong in Accounting, Bio-Chem and Chemistry. The academic and out of state scholarships are pretty good. The campus is large, spread out, and very well manicured, and is known as a strong school for Hispanic students.

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Southwestern University

Georgetown, Texas

This University has about 1,300 students and offers individualized learning and lots of undergraduate research. Of its many strong programs English, biology, chemistry, music, psychology, history, and Spanish are especially notable. There is a lot of work, but students cooperate rather than compete with each other. Also almost all classes have less than 25 students and professors are easily accessible. Opportunities to study abroad or obtain an

internship are available. The students are laid-back, friendly, liberal, accepting, nice, intelligent, well-rounded, socially involved, funny, welcoming, and diverse in their views. The campus is ethnically diverse. The school is affiliated with the United Methodist Church, but has no strong religious emphasis. Most students live on campus where there is a strong Greek system, though you don't need to go Greek to have a social life. Georgetown has a mall, movie theaters, and restaurants, but caters more to families than college students. The Blue Hole, used for swimming and cliff jumping, is also right by campus. Southwestern competes in Division III sports. Basketball and soccer are the most watched.

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Spelman College

Atlanta, Georgia

This school was designed to provide a school where black women could develop self-confidence and leadership whilst receiving top-notch academics without having to be the minority. Of its many strong programs, biology, engineering, natural sciences, premed, and pre law programs are especially notable. The college has superb academic facilities as well as an extensive undergrad research program. The academic climate is competitive but individual attention is guaranteed at Spelman. The professors are knowledgeable, accessible, and many are African-American women themselves. Also, most classes have less than 25 students. Most students come from outside Georgia and about half live on campus. Because Spelman is located at the Atlanta University Center, where five other colleges are also located, there are a lot of choices for social activities. Spelman itself has a strict no alcohol policy. Atlanta offers the conveniences of a city including plays, symphonies, nightclubs, shops, and restaurants. Sports are not big at Spelman, but the volleyball, basketball and tennis teams do well.

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Stanford University

Stanford, California

This school mixes outstanding academics with a chill California attitude. It has about 15,000 students, of which about 6,700 are undergrads. Although its academics are just as challenging as those in the Ivy League, its location provides Stanford with a less elitist attitude and a more open environment. Make no mistake, the work load is very large, but the professors are among the nations' best and are accessible to all students. Of its many strong programs, biology, computer science, international relations, engineering, political science, and economics are especially notable. Almost all classes are taught by full professors and most have less than 30 students. The student population is ethnically diverse. Almost all students live on campus, and so there is a sense of community. Many of the housing options on campus are exceptional. They have oak fixtures, views of the valley, kitchenettes, and Italian leather sofas. Nearby hills and a small lake provide plenty of outdoor fun. Most students look to other nearby towns for fun as the surrounding area is a ritzy suburbia catering to the wealthy. Stanford not only has great academics, it also has superb sports teams. They have won 73 NCAA championships and most of their teams have won some sort of award. They've even won the Director's Cup, given to the best overall collegiate athletic program in the country, twelve times.

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Stetson University

DeLand, Florida

Stetson is a laid back campus with its core values focused on the environment and equality. Economically, students are not as affluent as students at Rollins, but are more relaxed. The largest class has 40 students, but generally classes have less than 20. Stetson is located about 50 miles from Orlando. Cars are allowed on campus. Division I baseball is very strong, and there is a lot of school spirit. There are no teaching or graduate assistants in class. Orientation is a full five days and there are also freshman seminars to adjust students to college life. The strongest majors are Business, Chemistry, Computer Science, Education, English, Pre Law, Pre Med, and Religious Studies. Stetson has a writing rich curriculum; even introductory classes have writing projects. They have a very pro-active career center available to Stetson's 2000 students.

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Stevens Institute of Technology

Hoboken, New Jersey

Stevens is a small technical school across the Hudson River from Manhattan with excellent academics and an abundance of opportunities. Students get real world experience to find jobs after college. The school is about two-thirds men and one-third women. It is also not a party school. Its location though does offer endless social, cultural, and academic opportunities. Of its many great programs, mechanical engineering, chemical biology, computer science, and business are especially notable. The workload is large and the climate is demanding and competitive. The professors are experienced and intelligent. The school offers two, five year programs that include internships or fewer courses per year. There is an active on-campus recruiting program with major companies, firms, and the government. Students have diverse interests and are ethnically diverse. Most students are from New Jersey and many others come from in or near NYC. The campus is not politically active. Most students live on campus and many join the Greek system, which dominates most of the social life on campus. Still, both Hoboken and NYC offer abundant alternatives to campus life as well. The lacrosse team is very strong and the soccer, equestrian, tennis and volleyball are also competitive.

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Stonehill College

Easton, Massachusetts

Stonehill is often in the same circle as Fairfield, Assumption, Providence, St. Anselm. There are a few more specialized majors at Stonehill than at Providence, and a stronger sense of family and community as compared to Fairfield. Stonehill has a slightly more accomplished student body than Assumption, though the two schools feel very similar. The student body is pretty motivated. It has a very suburban campus feel, with nice facilities. Overall, it is a homogenous, conservative student body, a Catholic school, and the feel is very safe to suburban kids. It is located between Providence and Boston. Religious classes are required, as well as Philosophy and Moral Reasoning. The first two years are more core requirements as opposed to specialized classes. There is also a senior Capstone Project that pulls courses together. This is considered a regional liberal arts college, and they have been trying to move away from some of the applied majors into more broad based liberal arts and science. For example, Criminal Justice became Criminology.

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Suffolk University

Boston, Massachusetts

Located right behind the State House in Boston, with the Boston Commons serving as its campus, Suffolk has a very quaint location with charming buildings and cobblestone streets, new dorms, and a nice sense of community among the students, but not a lot of campus spirit. The student body is known to be very friendly. The most popular majors are Business and Sociology. A wide variety of majors are offered, from engineering to languages, studio art, business, and sciences. Suffolk also has a new Honors Program which covers full tuition. Housing is not guaranteed. There is a lot of good energy on campus, with a very active student government and multicultural club.

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Susquehanna University

Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

This is a small school with a beautiful campus, personalized learning, and an abundance of community service. The campus is set right on the Susquehanna River and is highlighted by a lush backdrop. Of its many excellent programs, accounting, biology, chemistry, business administration, music, psychology, English, communication, and environmental science are especially notable. The school offers many opportunities for internships during the summer. The core curriculum requires courses in four components: personal development, intellectual skills, perspectives on the world, and a senior capstone experience. The school also has a seven-week orientation program which students say is very helpful. There is an Honors Program offering more classes and creative curriculums. The academics are moderately challenging, non-competitive, and do not take over students lives. The professors interact closely with the students, giving more individualized learning and opportunities. Many students are from Pennsylvania and almost all are white. Most students are well-off and Republican. Greek life has moved off campus, but a good amount of students are still involved. Many students are involved in community service. Sports are popular as well as intramurals. Men's golf usually does very well and the track, soccer, and volleyball teams have also done well. Selinsgrove is a quaint town in rural Pennsylvania which offers some restaurants, stores, and a thriving Amish community.

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Swarthmore College

Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Swarthmore is a national liberal arts and science school on a stunning campus, 11 miles from downtown Philadelphia. The Swarthmore experience is known as “an engaging, intellectual life.” It has a reputation of being one of the most demanding academic course loads in the country. Unique to Swarthmore are its outstanding academics, beautiful location, consortium with Haverford, Bryn Marr and U Penn, and intellectually quirky students. Students are eccentric and gay/lesbian friendly. They like to wear their intellectual prowess on their sleeve. Students are ethical, even though there is no formal honor code; however, one is practiced with non-proctored exams. Eugene Lang is one of the schools most famous alumnae. Many buildings, including the Lang Center for social research, are named after him. Another unique aspect is that it's a small liberal arts college with an engineering program. Culturally, the school has a Quaker heritage, which is reflected in the students' ethical, social

consciousness. Students know they are privileged, here to use their education to work on real world problems. While the campus feels protected, there is a lot of outreach into the city. The school ranks number four in the country for students receiving Ph.D.'s after Swarthmore. A Hallmark of Swarthmore is their honors program, modeled after Oxford University's. (Offered in every major) Classes in the honors program are student run with increased writing and reading loads. Professors are considered an intellectual peer, similar to a grad school experience. Within the honors program and outside of it, student GPA is not calculated until the very end of senior year. They have an external exam program where the school will fly in examiners to listen and critique student's oral exams at the end of senior year. Swarthmore is at the top of the list for undergrad research opportunities; they provide students with a \$5,000 grant to publish papers and work with professors. The school is often compared to Grinnell College, except in a much better location. There is a train station on campus to take students into Philadelphia. Students at Swarthmore, Bryn Marr, and Haverford may all attend social events at any of the schools for free. An interesting fact is that the theater on campus has one of the largest suspended lighting grids in the world.

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Sweet Briar College

Sweet Briar, Virginia

With only about 550 students, a gorgeous campus, and excellent academics, this women's college offers a lot to its students. Nestled in rural Virginia, the isolated campus offers rolling hills, small lakes, pastoral beauty and a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Of the school's many excellent programs, psychology, biology, chemistry, government, English/creative writing, history, international affairs, and business are especially notable. The school has state of the art science equipment as well such as a digital scanning electron microscope. Classes are challenging, competitive, engaging, and well-taught. Professors really get to know students and a good amount of them live on campus with their families. With their Honor Pledge students can take self-administered tests. There is an honors program and self-designed majors for even more specialized learning. Students are intelligent, funny, friendly, and mature. A sizeable chunk of students come from Virginia and there is little ethnic diversity. Almost all students live on campus as the dorms are furnished with staircases, fireplaces, and furnished parlors. For fun the school offers parties with other schools, performances, dances, and other events. Many guys attend the mixers hosted by the school and girls can visit nearby coed colleges easily. Drinking is not prevalent on campus as there are strict alcohol policies. The outdoor program at the college offers weekly expeditions to students. The school competes in Division III athletics and has the largest private indoor ring in the country for their phenomenal equestrian team.

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Syracuse University

Syracuse, New York

Syracuse is a student-centered research university with killer sports teams and strong and varied academic offerings. Of its many strong programs, aerospace engineering, architecture/art, communications/journalism, entrepreneurship, information management and technology, inclusive education, political science and policy studies are especially notable. This school has some unique programs; many are the result of their partnership with NASA, trying to provide resources like reduced gravity flight programs. Although it is a larger

school, Syracuse's Gateway program allows freshman to take small intro classes. They also have an honors program which offers seminars and independent research. The courses are challenging and the climate is competitive but not cutthroat. Professors are nice, approachable, experienced, and intelligent. Classes usually have less than 25 students. Students are intelligent, have lots of school spirit, and like to have fun. A sizeable portion of the students come from New York and there is little ethnic diversity. Most students live in the dorms and many go Greek. Social life is dynamic with many activities available on campus or in Syracuse. Syracuse is within walking distance of the campus and offers bars, movies, bowling, art museums, an opera, a symphony, restaurants, and skating. The campus is also near skiing, a casino, and a six-story mall. Sports are followed enthusiastically here; especially basketball and football.

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University of Tampa

Tampa, Florida

U Tampa is located in a city known for its cleanliness. They have very nice facilities, and outstanding dorms with large dorm rooms. They are looking to increase the size of the school to about 4000 students in total. Volunteer work is very important to the student body, but there is not a lot of activism on campus. Some of the strongest majors are Business, Communications, and Music. They also have a sports management program and a Theater Music major, which is very specialized. Many exams at U Tampa are in essay format. Students are on a first name basis with their professors. The campus is known for being very socially active.

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Temple University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Temple University is a public university of about 20,000 students, located in the blue collar north section of Philadelphia. The outskirts of campus are a bit rough around the edges, though the campus itself is extremely nice and safe. Temple has one of the top 20 business schools in the country, 119 undergraduate majors, and 130 masters programs. The business school just received a 72 million dollar addition. The university has the largest computer lab of any school in the country. Thanks to the investment of Dell computers, there are 600 computers with music, film, language and graphics editing labs. Students are able to download over 1.5 million songs for free. Tech support makes house calls. Temple is considered one of the top connected campuses in the United States and is the second most diverse school in the country. While it is considered a major research university, undergraduates receive a lot of attention. The average class size is 24 students. The basketball arena, recreation center and student center are brand new and outstanding. In residential life, there are eight learning communities. (Dorms clustered by major). 4000 students live on the main campus. Temple has its own state trained police force. There are 285 security cameras on campus. Campus safety sponsors neighborhood events to help build relationships between students and the community. The university has its own transportation stop on the regional rail line, making it easy to get in and out of the school. Students are able to enjoy the nightlife, arts, and entertainment of Philadelphia. Temple has three campuses: the main campus, Ambler and Tyler. Ambler has about 3400 students and is 20 minutes

away. The Tyler campus is in the process of moving to the main campus. It is for arts and architecture. Temple has outstanding programs in health sciences, visual and performing arts, business, communications, media, and film, and education.

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University of Tennessee at Knoxville

Knoxville, Tennessee

UT is a large school with tons of school spirit, powerhouse athletics, and a location which provides many academic and social opportunities. Of the school's many notable programs, business, engineering, communications, education, nursing, architecture, social work, and veterinary medicine are especially notable. They also have an honors program which offers special seminars, honors courses, and the opportunity to collaborate with a member of faculty on a research project. There is also the Whittle Scholars Program which promotes leadership and gives students the opportunity to travel to different countries. The rigor of the academics varies depending on the subject and level of the course. There are both rigorous and laid-back classes. Many freshman courses have teaching assistants or grad students. Most students come from Tennessee and there is a bit of ethnic diversity. Most students live off campus, but the social life is very active both on and off campus. A good chunk of students go Greek and alcohol is widely used and accessible. Football games draw huge crowds and are followed religiously by both students and townies. The women's basketball team is very successful as is the women's soccer team and the men's baseball team. Those who love the spirited feel of sports games, lots of social activities, the resources of a city, and a variety of academic choices would love U Tennessee.

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Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas

With the largest campus in the country, a fanatical amount of school spirit, and good academics, Texas A&M is an exciting place to learn. Engineering, Business, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Architecture, and Biomedical Sciences are high quality programs. Learning is taken seriously and the climate is highly competitive. Although teaching assistants and grad students teach some classes, professors are highly respected. Almost all students are from Texas and most are conservative. There is little ethnic diversity. There is a real feel of solidarity on campus and students look out for one another. A small percentage of students go Greek and students say it is not as dominant here as at other colleges. Most students live on campus the first year but then move off campus. The campus has shuttles to take students to off campus apartments. College Station is a suitable name for the small city as students say the town is very receptive to the students and revolves around the campus. Many students are also involved in the city's community through service opportunities. The school has more than 700 organizations as well. Athletics are very important at A&M and are well-supported. The marching band is also large and well-known. Only a small percentage of students are in the Corps of Cadets, a military training program, but it is the best keeper of the spirit and tradition of the school.

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University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

UT is a big school with powerhouse athletics, a great city, strong academics, and a lively social life. With a 400-acre plot in the heart of Austin containing hills, trees, and creeks, the campus is a great draw for students. Of its many notable programs, Engineering, Business, Law, Education, and Pharmacy are especially notable. At UT, classes are large and the climate is competitive and rigorous. It is a research oriented school which can mean busy professors, but they all have office hours and are passionate about their subjects. The Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program gives students a more flexible curriculum, the best professors, smaller courses, and individualized counseling. Students are smart, involved, and proactive about their education. Almost all students come from Texas, but the political climate is neither conservative nor liberal. There is a good amount of ethnic diversity on campus. Only a small percentage of people go Greek but these people are seen as the socially elite on campus. Greek organizations are selective, highly noticeable on campus, and are increasing in size. Most students choose to live off campus. The city of Austin is a huge asset to the school. It provides opportunities to work in the State House, get internships, and acquire lots of excellent real-life experience in their various fields. Austin also provides a great music scene, pubs, restaurants, festivals, shopping and more. On campus there are also free movies, concerts, a coffee shop, a pub, and various social events. Nearby there are campgrounds, lakes, and parks for those who enjoy the outdoors. Sports are huge at UT, especially football. Basketball is also very competitive and baseball is excellent. There are many excellent varsity sports stretching from swimming to chess. The intramural program the largest in the nation and most students participate in it.

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Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, Texas

TCU is a medium size school with an abundance of school spirit, a Christian influence, and a welcoming atmosphere. Campus is 45 minutes from Dallas. TCU has 6500 undergraduates, with 75 percent living on campus. It is known as a liberal arts university, with very strong programs in Business, Communications, and Pre-Med. Classes are challenging but not overwhelmingly so. Students help one another rather than compete. The performing arts program has a very strong dance major; TCU was the first university to offer dance as a major. Professors are accommodating, intelligent, and likeable. The academic advising also gets much praise from students. Most students are from Texas, well-off, politically correct, and conservative. There is a modest amount of ethnic diversity. There is only one religious class required during four years, and it is religion taught from a historical perspective. The university severed its ties with the Episcopal church twelve years ago but kept the “C” in its name. About half of students live on campus and the Greek system draws many students. There are 250 student organizations on campus. Fort Worth provides bars, clubs, theaters, comedy shows, and the like. The school takes pride in its camaraderie and school spirit; especially when it comes to sports. Their Division I football team is very popular, with their own stadium on campus.

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Texas Tech University

Lubbock, Texas

Texas Tech is a large university with spirited sports, 150 degree programs, ten undergraduate

colleges, a medicine and law school, and 400 student organizations. Tech offers its students countless opportunities to get engaged in its lively campus. Of the many strong programs Agriculture, Education, Business Administration, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Human Development & Family Studies, and Technical Writing are especially notable. Most classes have 50 or fewer students despite Tech's size. The academics are difficult, but classes are structured to benefit the student. Professors are approachable and friendly. TA's may teach discussion sessions or labs, but full professors lead the lectures. Tech's Honors College gives distinguished students opportunities to take part in running the college and to work on research alone or with the faculty. Tech has also invested \$2 million in undergraduate research recently which provides more student opportunities. Almost all students at Tech are white, homogenous, and from Texas. Students are relaxed, friendly, and social. Most students live off campus; many are part of Greek houses. Lubbock is a city offering many opportunities for community service. The Red Raiders are Division I and the football, baseball, men's track, and women's basketball teams are the most competitive. Tech supports its teams well and offers many intramural sports.

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University of Toronto

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

With close to 60,000 students, U Toronto is one of the largest universities in the world. The college keeps students from getting lost by splitting itself into nine colleges spanning three campuses, while still forming a cohesive environment. Strong programs include the Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Medicine, and Education. There are First Year Seminars with about 25 students that start freshman off in smaller, more interactive academic environments. The Trinity One and Vic One programs offer distinguished students smaller classes and more opportunities to broaden thinking. Most courses are rigorous and competitive, though students say it is amicable competition and help each other. Large classes are supplemented with smaller tutorials. Professors are engaging and accessible. Students are mature, socially aware, ambitious, and intelligent. Only a small percentage of students come from outside of Canada. Most students live off campus as social life is centered in the lively city of Toronto. The city offers great culture, shopping, and nightlife. The drinking age is 19. It is near the shores of Lake Ontario. The school also provides movies, guest speakers, and clubs. There is no Greek system. Varsity sports are overshadowed by the enormously popular intramural program, which is the largest in Canada. Toronto also has its own professional teams that students can support.

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Trinity College

Hartford, Connecticut

Trinity has used Hartford to create community service, internship, and mentoring opportunities. Although Hartford does not cater to college students, Trinity has tied itself to the city to broaden the experience of students and to aid the city simultaneously. The most popular departments are Economics, Political Science, History, Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, and Modern Languages. Students have the opportunity to research alongside professors and assist on papers at Trinity. The BEACON program allows students to take courses at UConn, the UConn Health Center, and the University of Hartford. The classes are

challenging but professors are well-liked, available, and engaging. The majority of students take internships in Hartford as well. While only a small percentage of students from Connecticut, many of the rest come from nearby states. Most students are social, intellectual, athletic, conservative, active, and driven. Almost all students live on campus and there are themed houses, as well as a Greek system. The social scene is thriving. The school brings in many comedians, musicians, and the like. The school boasts about its Learning Corridor, a mix of 16 schools in the neighborhood that surrounds the campus. Hartford offers some cultural and social outlets as well. Still the social life is mostly on campus and is dominated by the Greeks parties. The school competes in Division III athletics with squash being highly competitive. Intramurals are also popular.

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Trinity College/DC

Washington D.C.

Trinity College is a small, private institution affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Founded in 1897, Trinity's all-female campus is set on 26 beautiful, wooded acres. There are approximately 1000 undergraduate students. Students are socioeconomically and racially diverse. Political Science, Business, Communications, Psychology, and International Affairs are the most popular programs. Student-faculty relationships are personal. Trinity is governed by an honor system. The college is part of a Consortium allowing students to take classes at other D.C. area schools. Students participate in many important annual traditions, including the "passing of the colors" from seniors to incoming freshman. Trinity offers Division III athletics. The campus has a state-of-the-art \$20 million athletic complex. Most clubs on campus focus on politics, government and journaling, not surprising considering the D.C. location. There are no sororities. Because dorm life is strict, many students live off campus. Students tend to head off campus on the weekends, as D.C. offers an abundance of entertainment.

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Truman State University

Kirksville, Missouri

A medium-sized public liberal arts school, Truman creates a close-knit community of students with ample attention from professors. Top majors are Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Education, Chemistry, Foreign Languages, and Political Science. The courses are rigorous, but students are supportive of one another. Most classes have less than 25 students and professors are highly acclaimed. There are very few teaching assistants running classes. Students have the opportunity to do independent research or aid a faculty member with their research. The majority of students come from Missouri and the campus is not ethnically diverse. The campus has noticeably more women than men. About half of the students live on campus and the Greek system dominates the social life. The university brings comedians, bands, movies, and plays to campus. Kirksville is small and isolated, but the townsfolk are relaxed and friendly. The women's swimming, volleyball, and soccer teams are the most competitive sports. Intramurals are popular on campus as well.

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Tufts University

Medford, Massachusetts

With its proximity to Boston, outstanding academics, emphasis on international relations, and diverse student body, Tufts is steadily rising from its spot as a safety for the Ivy-bound to a place among the most selective schools in the country. Among its many excellent programs, Engineering, Environmental Management, Materials and Interface Studies, Electro-Optics Technology, and International Relations programs are especially notable. Undergrads are well looked after. They get personalized attention, freedom to design their majors, and opportunities for independent study, research and internships. Intro classes can be large but most classes have less than 25 students. The Experimental College offers 100 nontraditional, full-credit courses taught by outside experts, faculty, and students. There are Freshman Exploration seminars with 10-15 students. Most courses are taught by professors who are highly acclaimed, available, and approachable. Tufts is one of the top ten research universities for the number of undergrads. It is also one of the top Peace Corps suppliers. A large chunk of students come from Massachusetts, but most students come from all over the US and world. The student body is fairly diverse, ethnically speaking. The campus leans to the liberal side. Greeks provide many of the parties, but only a small percent of students are involved. With Boston right next door, they do not dominate the social life. There are also many university sponsored activities such as concerts, plays, and movies. The most popular student group is the Umbrella Group for all volunteer activities. Athletics are competitive and draw great students participation. Intramurals are also widely popular.

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Tulane University

New Orleans, Louisiana

The 110 acre campus is in an appealing residential area of uptown New Orleans, about 15 minutes from the French Quarter. Hurricane Katrina ravaged the campus, but they are on the upswing of rebuilding what was lost and bringing new life to the recovering campus. Students maintain a healthy balance between Southern charm and Northern sophistication. Tulane has a diverse and thriving student body to complement its excellent academics. Top majors are Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Political Economy, Biomedical Engineering, Business, and Anthropology. A high percentage of Tulane's grads are accepted into medical or law school as well. Most classes have less than 25 students and most are taught by professors. The faculty is well-liked, the academics challenging, and climate can get very intense. About ¼ of the students are minorities, and half of those are African American. Hundreds of merit and athletic scholarships are available, ranging up to full tuition. Greek life is a large part of campus life, but only fraternities have houses, due to an old New Orleans law that states that it is illegal for more than four unrelated women to live in one house. The social life is great and students say that New Orleans never stops partying. During Mardi Gras, classes are suspended for two days for students to take part in the celebrations. Academics and athletics are both taken seriously. Many sports teams were cut in the wake of Hurricane Katrina so club sports are big among the student body. Although Tulane was hard hit, it remains a forward looking school.

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University of Tulsa

Tulsa, Oklahoma

U Tulsa is a small university with a strong Engineering program and an emphasis on research and real world experience. This university mixes liberal arts with professional programs to create students who have both broad-minded and relevant experience upon graduation. Among its many strong programs are Engineering, Computer Science, Communication Disorders, Psychology, Anthropology, Biology, History, and Art. Although the academics are challenging, the climate is cooperative, classes are small, and professors are engaging. There is an honors program as well which offers special seminars, an additional thesis or project, and the option of a separate computer-equipped house. There is also the Tulsa Undergraduate Research Challenge which offers opportunities for advanced scientific research. U Tulsa offers excellent internship opportunities and many students already have jobs lined up when they graduate. Many students come from Oklahoma and the rest generally come from the Midwest and Southwest. There is a good amount of international students, mainly from the Middle East, Scandinavia, and East Asia. Students are driven, fun-loving, have an array of interests, are not politically active, and mostly white. Most students live on campus and there is an intense social scene. Many students join the Greek system which is an integral part of the social environment. Tulsa offers many cultural attractions and opportunities for community service. The campus is also near parks, lakes, and a recreational water park. Sports are very popular and intramurals are well-liked.

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Union College

Schenectady, New York

Union is a small college with an interesting mix of liberal arts with engineering, an excellent study abroad program, and wonderful interdisciplinary programs. Strong programs include Political Science, Math, Engineering, Chemistry, Philosophy, Psychology, and Modern Languages. The Union Scholars Program is a sort of honors program where students have independent projects, access to departmental honors programs, and broader study abroad options. Union has a trimester system which means only three courses per term and more opportunities for independent study and internships. The academics are challenging but the professors are helpful and well-qualified. Most classes have less than 25 students and there are no teaching assistants. Students are generally friendly, hard-working, want to enjoy life, and mostly politically apathetic. Many students come from New York and the school is not ethnically diverse. Most students live on campus and a good amount join a Greek house. There is also the Minerva house system offered as an alternative to the Greek system, which dominates most of the social life. Many students drink but there are many campus events available as alternatives. Schenectady has limited amenities, but Saratoga Springs is close by and offers a wide variety of options. Ursinus competes in Division III except for Ice Hockey which is Division I.

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Ursinus College

Collegeville, Pennsylvania

This small college exudes a sense of community. Ursinus offers great academics in a supportive and close-knit environment. Biology, Chemistry, Political Science, Economics, History, Pre-Med, Pre-Law, Writing, and Modern Languages top the list. There is an honors

program which has more rigorous courses and independent projects. Before senior year students can also obtain a fellowship from the school to find a research project with a faculty member over the summer. Classes are rigorous but not overwhelming. The professors are intelligent and most classes have less than 25 students. All classes are taught by professors and there are no teaching assistants. Most students are open, ambitious, hard-working, not politically active, and white. Most students come from Pennsylvania and the rest are mainly from nearby states. Almost all of the students live on campus and a good amount of students join a Greek house. Greek parties are popular, but not dominating. Collegeville is uneventful so students turn to campus sponsored activities, Philadelphia (40 minutes away), the nearby Valley Forge National Park, or sports. Sports are well-liked as most students are either on one of the Division III varsity sports or on an intramural team. Many Ursinus alumnae are hired as college coaches as well.

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University of Utah

Salt Lake City, Utah

With a good mix of urban and natural attributes, Utah's location only adds to the advantages of it being a major national scientific research center and the home of many excellent professional programs. It's right in Salt Lake City, at the base of the Wasatch Mountains, and minutes from the shore of the Salt Lake itself. It's near great ski resorts and the campus itself is an arboretum. Of its many strong programs Business, Psychology, Communications, Dance, Chemistry, and Engineering top the list. The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program gives semester grants to students so they can work with faculty on research. The college is also renowned for its biomedical engineering research. There is an honors program which offers a smaller class size; an average of seventeen students per class. The academics are challenging and the climate can be competitive. The classes are usually fairly large but the professors are passionate and well-liked. The students are mostly middle-class, white, homogenous, friendly, supportive, from Utah, and from public high schools. Since most students commute, the social life on campus is minimal. Still, there are many clubs and social activities available to those who do stay on campus. Only a few people participate in the Greek system. The city is said to have decent nightlife and significant Mormon ties. Football and basketball are popular, while gymnastics is also competitive. There are also intramurals and an Outdoor Recreation Program which offers many outdoor activities.

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Vanderbilt University

Nashville, Tennessee

Vanderbilt is a traditionally Southern university with challenging academics, competitive sport teams, and a pretty campus. This school has a unique balance of the traditional and conservative with the relaxed and the new. While still required to dress up for football games, students are generally relaxed and friendly. Although the school is known for its rich, fashionable, and sociable students, there are many socially aware, intellectual, and subdued students as well. The campus is split between conservatives and liberals. The student body is not particularly ethnically diverse. Most students live on campus and many students join the Greek system. Greeks are a big part of the social life, as is dating and parties. The campus has an arboretum, sculptures, and a 330-acre plot. Music and Arts, Education, English, Social

Sciences, and Engineering are especially notable among its many distinguished programs. With an optional May session, students have a chance to study abroad, focus on a project, or finish their double-major (if they elect one). The school has an honors system which allows students to take exams without supervision. Professors are devoted to their students and are very helpful with the challenging classes. Nashville is known as the City of Music and also offers many restaurants, theaters, and bars. The campus is also near the Great Smoky Mountains, state parks, lakes, and other outdoor destinations. Football is very strong and competes in the Southeastern Conference (Division IA). There are many other competitive sports which bring home wins as well.

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Vassar College

Poughkeepsie, New York

Vassar is a very selective, diverse, small, liberal, flexible, liberal arts college that embraces both its traditions and the changing views of society. Students are open, curious, respectful, tolerant, self-motivated, eclectic, happy, passionate about academics, and intelligent. The campus is gorgeous; containing two lakes, many trees, and statuesque architecture. Vassar has no core curriculum or general education requirements, which gives students an immense amount of academic freedom. Among its many strong programs, English, Political Science, Psychology, Biology, History, Economics, Film and Theater, and Art History are especially notable. Classes are small, professors are engaging and interesting, and exams are taken under an honor system. Although students must work hard, there is no competition between them. Vassar takes part in the Twelve College Exchange which leads to added resources for students to take advantage of. A sizeable chunk of the students come from New York, but the campus is fairly diverse ethnically. Almost all students live on campus and there is no Greek system. Films, lectures, parties, concerts, and other campus activities fill the social scene. Poughkeepsie is not very lively, but does have restaurants, shops, malls, theaters, and opportunities for internships. Sports do fairly well at Vassar, although academics are more of the focus.

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Villanova University

Villanova, Pennsylvania

Villanova is a Roman Catholic University of about 6000 students on a beautiful, serene stately campus. It is located in suburban Philadelphia. There is a train stop on campus that takes students into Philadelphia for nightlife and culture. Students enjoy the spirit of Division I athletics, an ideal location, and solid academics. The town of Villanova is nice with shops and restaurants. Seventy percent of students live on campus. The hardest majors to gain acceptance to are Biology and Business. Both are nationally ranked. The student body is very homogeneous and consists of upper middle class and upper class students. The church on campus is stunning and is booked for weddings three years in advance. The school has a fairly strong religious feel to it. Students seem preppy and athletic.

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University of Virginia

Charlottesville, Virginia

UVA is one of the top public schools in the nation, founded by Thomas Jefferson, and true to the classic college experience. This university has become highly sought after. The campus is open and stately; complete with a half-scale model of the Pantheon, public gardens, white pillars, and a wide rectangular green know as The Lawn. The academics are rigorous. Among its many excellent programs, English, Spanish & Portuguese, Religious Studies, German, and Physiology are notable. Its interdisciplinary programs are also highly regarded. There are several honors programs which allow for more attention and opportunities. TA's teach some classes, but they are well-qualified and engaging. Professors are helpful, intelligent, and as engaged in student's lives as they can be with a school of 13,000 undergrads. There is an honor system, so campus is student-run and the feels safe. Most students are from Virginia and the rest come mostly from the surrounding states. The campus is fairly diverse and has the highest African American graduation rate of any public university. A good amount of students live on campus and many of them belong to the Greek system. The social scene is run by the Greeks and is lively. There are also 500 clubs and many on campus activities. Charlottesville is well-liked containing malls, historic locations, restaurants, vineyards, bars, shops, theatres, cultural attractions, and friendly citizens. The location near the Blue Ridge Mountains provides ample opportunity to take advantage of the outdoors too. Basketball is strong and spirited at UVA. Swimming, rowing, and lacrosse are also competitive.

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Virginia Polytechnic Institute

Blacksburg, Virginia

Virginia Tech is known for its integration of technology into education and rich Southern hospitality. This technical college has abundant natural and educational resources for it's 21,000 students to draw from. Blackburg is a nice college town, but far from the heavily populated cities on the coast. Surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, a duck pond, hiking trails, a plantation, a national forest, and the Appalachian Trail, the 3000 acre campus is well equipped for any type of outdoor activity. The school has excellent technical and professional training in its Engineering, Architecture, Business, Science, Human Resources and Education programs. The Math and Forestry/Wildlife programs are especially notable. Intro classes are large, but most big lecture classes are taught by professors. Discussions and grading are usually done by TA's. The professors are engaging and intelligent. There is an honors program available as well, which offers access to top faculty and research opportunities. Computers are used in every aspect of the college experience. Many co-op opportunities are available. Most students come from Virginia and it is not ethnically diverse. A good amount of students live on campus, but many live in apartments close by. A moderate percentage joins the Greeks, but they control the social scene on campus. Many students go into town to bars and restaurants if they tire of the Greek scene. The school has decent athletics with the football team being the strongest program. Virginia Tech does have an extensive intramural program which is very popular.

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Wabash College

Crawfordsville, Indiana

With only about 900 students, all of whom are male, Wabash offers a unique liberal arts experience. This school has remained true to its traditional, conservative nature since it was

founded in 1832. There is a great sense of brotherhood among students as most join the ten fraternities on campus. Students are smart, hard-working, close-knit, conservative, and athletic. Alumni are successful and exceptionally supportive. Their generous donations give the college quite a bit of money with which to expand its facilities. These perks include an electron microscope, a laser spectrometer, a 180-acre biological field station, a cell culture lab, and an arboretum. Business, Economics, Biology, Chemistry, and Pre-med programs are especially notable. The classes are intense and competitive. Still, professors are intelligent, engaging, and push students to do their best. Advisors are excellent as well. Most students come from Indiana and there is only a little ethnic diversity on campus. Greeks run the social scene. Crawfordsville is small and quiet, so social life takes place on campus. The football, baseball, track, and wrestling teams are very strong. Most students also participate in intramurals.

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Wake Forest University

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Wake Forest has a down-home feel. The campus has a 148 acre garden annex, wooded trails, and magnolia trees. Wake offers students a sense of community, great athletics, a gorgeous campus, and an excellent education. It is one of the top private schools in the Southeast, and has a Baptist heritage and a homogenous, Caucasian, conservative feel. It is a place where students work hard and play hard. Division I athletics and the strong medical and graduate schools give them a lot of resources that many other schools their size (4,000 undergraduates) don't have. Academics are first rate. The main disciplines are Health and Exercise Science, Chemistry, English, Math, Economics, Political Science, and Romance Languages. The workload is rigorous, and there is no grade inflation on campus. The Richter Fellowships funds research partnerships between faculty and students. There is an Honors Program on campus, and graduate assistants may teach some lab courses. Professors are approachable and accessible. About ¼ of men and about half of women participate in Greek life. There are open parties both on and off campus for both. Traditions are strong, specifically in regards to homecoming festivities. Most students are white, preppy, and conservative. A good amount of students are from North Carolina and most others come from Southern states. Students have a great dedication to the community, and they benefit from their motivated peers, dedicated and attentive faculty, and the beautiful surroundings. The city offers a symphony, the headquarters of Krispy Kreme, art museums, a thriving music scene, and a chance to volunteer. Basketball is the most popular sport with a strong history of success. The football and field hockey teams are also strong.

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Warren Wilson College

Asheville, North Carolina

This school of only about 900 students is a liberal arts college with an emphasis on personal stewardship, community service, and getting a good education. The large campus has its own gardens, a Cherokee archeological site, a 300 acre farm, and many hiking trails. Students are required to do at least 100 hours of community service before they graduate and must work on campus for at least 15 hours a week. This work includes tending to the farm, maintaining the gardens, plumbing, and electrical work. The school is associated with the Presbyterian Church

but accepts students of all backgrounds. Students are original, diverse, laid-back, liberal, outspoken, and are activists. Of the 46 majors, the Art, Biology, Creative Writing, English, Environmental Studies, History, Political Science, Outdoor Leadership, and Psychology programs are especially notable. Most students study abroad at some point during their four years. There are honors programs and dual-degree programs for some areas of study. Internships are readily available as well. Most classes have less than 25 students. Many students continue on to service professions after graduating. Most students come from out of state and are geographically diverse. Almost everyone lives on campus and women outnumber men by a fair amount. There is no Greek life, but there is still drinking. There are bonfires, parties, plays, contests, and clubs to occupy students on campus. The outing club is popular but sports teams are not. The school has spirit though, and mountain biking, cross-country, soccer and swimming are the successful. Asheville is small but has museums, cafes, theaters, music clubs, and a symphony. It has a thriving art culture.

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University of Washington

Seattle, Washington

UW is a large college right near the heart of Seattle. This university has excellent research opportunities and a proximity to many natural and commercial resources. Since 1974 UW has been one of the top public universities in federal research funding. Among its many excellent programs, Business, English, Psychology, Drama, Engineering, Computer Science, Architecture, and Biology are especially notable. Students have access to resources provided by the medical school connected to the university. Professors are very knowledgeable and open so that even with about 27,000 undergrads, students can get one-on-one time if they take the initiative to ask. Most classes have less than 50 students. Even though many classes are taught by TA's, students say both the professors and TA's maintain a high quality of teaching. There is an honors program which has smaller classes and more individualized attention. Most students are from Washington. The majority of students are white, but there are a moderate number of minority students. There are also a surprising amount of students over age 25. The campus is politically active. About half of the freshmen live on campus while others live in Greek housing or in Seattle. Many students commute, so much of the social interaction takes place in Seattle or elsewhere and isn't centralized on campus. On campus, the Greek system runs a lot of the socializing. The football team is excellent and many other sports teams do well. The campus has views of Lake Washington and the Olympic mountains and is close to many outdoor pursuits.

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Washington State University

Pullman, Washington

Washington State is a public university of 20,000 students. Its rural campus is home to mostly in-state students. WSU offers over 130 majors and programs. Popular majors are Business and Marketing, Social sciences, Communications, Journalism, and the Health Professions. Washington State is a top research university. The Veterinary program is ranked in the nation's top ten, and the Communications program is also recognized. Classes range from 20 to 500 students, with most upper level classes averaging between 20 and 30. Students are required to live on campus freshman year, but many move to nearby apartments

or Greek housing immediately after. Football is huge at WSU and students are not lacking in school spirit. WSU has a great intramural and club sports program, offering unique sports like judo, rodeo and cricket. Students are known for being friendly. The campus does not sway either way politically; both parties are equally represented. Minority enrollment is fairly low. There are over 200 clubs and special interest groups. About 30% of men and women join Greek life.

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Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, Missouri

Wash U has rigorous academics, good athletics, a premium location, gorgeous campus and is less uptight than its Ivy counterparts in the East. It has excellent pre-professional programs, lots of opportunities for research, and undergrads have access to the exceptional medical school attached to it. Wash U has schools of arts and sciences, architecture, art, business, and engineering. Interdisciplinary and double majors are easy to obtain and the majority of the students do so. Students are intelligent and devoted to their studies, but they support each other and don't compete. Even though Wash U is fairly large, students can obtain one-on-one mentoring by the great faculty. Most students are white, liberal, tolerant, laid-back, open, and respectful of opinions and diversity. Most students live on campus and spend weekends at movies, frat parties, concerts and the like. Many students participate in the Greek system. St. Louis has the benefits of a major metropolitan area but retains a strong sense of neighborhood. Close by is Forest Park, an ice-skating rink, a golf course, a zoo, a lake, museums, and pro football, hockey, and baseball teams to watch. The athletics are Division III but women's basketball is very strong. Women's softball and volleyball are strong too as well as football.

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Washington and Jefferson College

Washington, Pennsylvania

W&J is a small, liberal arts college with excellent academics. Among its quality programs, Pre-med, Pre-law, Business Administration, Biology and English programs are especially notable. Almost all of the students who apply to law schools or health-related programs are accepted after graduating from W&J. Most freshman classes have less than 25 students. Intelligent and engaging professors contribute to the schools close-knit community and success. The academics are challenging and classes can be competitive. During the January intersession students have an opportunity to get apprenticeships, study abroad, or explore non-traditional schooling options. Most students come from Pennsylvania and the rest from the Northeast. Almost everyone is Caucasian. Most students live on campus and the social life is influenced by the Greek system. Although the school has been known to have huge parties, the administration has been creating more on-campus events and non-frat options. Washington is a small town with little to offer, but Pittsburgh is only 30 minutes away. Sports are easy to participate in and intramurals are popular. There are also many clubs including a theater company and an equestrian club.

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Washington and Lee University

Lexington, Virginia

W&L is a top notch liberal arts college made up of southern charm, an Honor Code, a scenic location, and years of traditions. The school has something called a 'speaking tradition' which means when students pass each other or their professors on the ground they are obliged to talk with them. Coupling this with the Honor System makes for a very friendly and trusting environment. This Honor system is student-run, lets students determine where and when to take tests, and means students feel that they and their property are safe. The school has great pre-professional programs, especially in Business and Economics. Among its top programs, History, Politics, English, and Journalism are notable. The academics are rigorous, though an average class size of 16 students and approachable professors make the climate supportive and engaging. The Robert E. Lee Undergraduate Research Program offers paid fellowships to aid a professor's research or to do individual work. The students here are mostly white, well-off, Republican, and conservative. Native Virginians account for only a small amount of the population. The Greek system is integral to social life. Most students are involved, they dominate the nightlife, and drinking is a large part of the culture. The campus is near the Appalachian Mountains and opportunities for various outdoor activities. Lexington is a small, charming, and amiable town which has a few restaurants and movie theaters. Most students stay on campus during the weekend though. The lacrosse, tennis, soccer and volleyball teams are the schools strongest and the school usually does well athletically.

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Wellesley College

Wellesley, Massachusetts

Wellesley is a women's college. This school is on par with all but the top three Ivies, attracting the nation's brightest females. The campus is exceptional with 500 acres containing a lake, an arboretum, and a botanical garden. Its Economics program is outstanding but Political Science, Psychology, English, International Relations and Neuroscience are also strong. Facilities are also superb with state-of-the-art science equipment, one million library books, access to MIT and other college's resources, and a fully-equipped athletic building. Academics are rigorous but the professors are available, respected, and engaging. Classes usually contain 18 to 23 students. Education is taken seriously and many out-of-class discussions are intellectual and thought provoking. This is a strong community with students who have strong personalities. There are opportunities for independent research tutorials and fellowship funding. There is also an honor system which allows students to take finals unsupervised. There is abundant ethnic diversity and although many come from the Northeast, over 75 countries and every state are represented. Nearly everyone lives on campus as the dorms are exceptionally gorgeous, spacious and well-equipped. Wellesley is right outside Boston; many students spend their weekends there. It is not a party school and the closest things to sororities are societies for arts. Tennis and lacrosse are some of the strongest sports, but cross-country, field-hockey, soccer, and volleyball are also strong.

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Wells College

Aurora, New York

Wells was an all-girls school until 2005, so it is in transition. With about 400 students, Wells exemplifies close relationships with classmates and teachers and there is no anonymity. It was founded in 1868, so it is steeped in traditions like dinner bells and tea times. The college rests

on the edge of Cayuga Lake and is filled with old ivy-covered buildings. Strong programs include Psychology, Biological and Chemical Sciences, Sociology, English, Performing Arts and Education. The classes are challenging, have less than 25 students, and are discussion based. An honor system is followed closely and students commonly take tests at the time and place of their choosing. Wells also has integrated majors, individualized majors, a corporate affiliate program, and dual-degree programs. They have a semester system with a 4-1-4 plan which means internships, research and study abroad occur during January. Many students come from New York and the campus is relatively ethnically diverse. The general attitude is open-minded, forward-thinking, feminist, and independent. Most students live on campus, which is not surprising because the dorms are beautiful and spacious. There are no Greek organizations, the social life is extremely tame, and drinking is minimal. Aurora is very small but has some shops. The surrounding area is pretty, hilly, and provides chances to camp, ski, or hike. They are Division III and the soccer, tennis, and field hockey teams are the strongest; however students say anyone can get on a team easily.

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Wentworth Institute of Technology

Boston, Massachusetts

Wentworth is very affordable for a private school and has nearly 4000 students. Every student must do two co-ops. It is an accredited college that is very strong in Engineering, Architecture, Engineering Technologies, and Design. Their architecture program can be completed in a shorter time than at other schools. The school is located on Huntington Ave. near Northeastern University, right on the T line, within walking distance of lots of colleges. Students get a small school experience in a large city. It is a member of the Fenway Schools, so students can cross register at other colleges. Varsity sports are not that important overall. The academics are said to be very practical and hands on with labs and studios, integral to all majors.

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Wesleyan University

Middletown, Connecticut

Members of the Wesleyan community do things with passion and intensity that sets the school apart from other similar yet tamer institutions. Wesleyan offers more academic and extracurricular activities than almost any other school its size, and the learning climate gives students individual freedom. Debating can be the main form of communication, diversity of opinion is nurtured, and academics are challenging. Students cannot be clumped into one group, but are united by their intensity, passion, creativity, political activism, independence, ability to speak their mind, love of discussion, and their strong liberal opinions. The college is fairly ethnically diverse. The academics, while challenging, create no competition between students. Wesleyan uses its wealth to attract highly rated faculty members who are engaging academic superstars. They juggle research, lectures, and personal student attention at the same time. Class sizes are small, with very few classes having 50+ students. The strongest programs are Music, Astronomy, economics, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, American Studies, Classical Studies, Environmental Studies, and English. There is also an excellent Film program, a great East Asian Studies Center, and a unique Ethnomusicology program. The math department works in small groups and the science students get to work with

teachers in the labs, offering many opportunities to be published. Almost all classes are small and internships are popular. Though the college is small, its library has more than a million volumes and students come from all over and of all types. Diversity is encouraged; students are accepting and socially aware. Almost all students live on campus. Middletown is a small city with some nice ethnic restaurants and opportunities for community service. Intramurals are extremely popular on campus, with more than 100 teams. Only a small percentage of students join the few remaining Greek houses. Alcohol policies are left mostly to the students to enforce, but drinking is only a small part of the social life in comparison to the myriad of other activities going on.

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West Virginia University

Morgantown, West Virginia

WVU is a large university near the Monongahela River with a unique forensics program, excellent research and doctoral degree programs, and a great football program. This school offers solid academics, lots of clubs, great athletics, many research opportunities, and a lively social life. The strongest programs are Forensic Science, Biometric Systems, Engineering, Political Science, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Allied Health. Many classes have less than fifty students despite the school's size. (21,000 students) The academic climate is generally laid-back, but some classes are competitive. Half of students come from West Virginia and many of the rest come from Pennsylvania or New Jersey. There is little ethnic diversity. The majority of students live off campus. There is moderate student participation in the Greek system. The school has a reputation for partying, but there are always movies, bands, and other activities offered as alternatives. There is also an honors program with smaller classes, special housing, and more opportunities. Morgantown is a small city revolving around the university, but the social scene is centered on campus. The football program is excellent and the soccer, riflery, gymnastics, basketball, rowing and wrestling teams are also competitive. Intramurals sports are popular as well. Students who want to have a good time, great research opportunities, enjoy good sports, and want the classic college experience will be happy at WVU.

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Wheaton College

Norton, Massachusetts

Wheaton offers a quiet campus in a quiet suburban town, halfway between Boston and Providence. Students take \$5 bus trips into the cities on the weekend. It is a Liberal Arts and Sciences school, with its strengths in Performing Art, Studio Art, Sciences, Art History, Languages, and Humanities. It used to be an all women's school; it is now about 65% women. Wheaton is test optional. For a small school of about 1700 students, you will find a lot of diversity, from preppy students to Goth students. There are two ponds on campus, a nice pool and overall very nice facilities. They boast an interdisciplinary approach to learning, with lots of flexibility in the curriculum. Average class size is 15-20 students. There is no Greek Life, and minimal school spirit around sports. They also have the Filenes Center for internships, which connects liberal arts and sciences to the real world. High acceptance rates from undergrad into medical school.

Wheaton College

Wheaton, Illinois

Wheaton is a non-denominational Evangelical college with rigorous academics, a dedication to the liberal arts, and a strong involvement in the outside world. The students here pledge not to use drugs, cigarettes or alcohol and stick to their word. Wheaton requires language, quantitative, writing, and oral communication proficiency. Students must also get credits in kinesiology, philosophy, Biblical studies, world history, social science, lab science, natural science, literature, and art and music. The students create a cooperative academic climate and professors are involved and inspire personal and spiritual growth. The strongest programs are Biology, Business/Economics, English, Music, Bible, International Relations, Political Science, and Psychology. Students have a focus on social justice, and there are many ways for students to get involved in charity. A good amount of students come from Illinois and the vast majority are white. Most students live on campus. The dorms are single-sex, and they can only visit a dorm of the opposite sex at set times. There is no Greek system and the social life is centered on substance-free activities like movies, dances, music, and small social gatherings. They are Division III and the soccer, basketball, and swimming teams are the most successful. A student who wants a challenging academic environment with a strong religious influence, an emphasis on reaching out to the world, and a substance-free life style would love Wheaton.

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Wheelock College

Boston, Massachusetts

Wheelock is one of the colleges of the Fenway, is home to about 800 students and is approximately 90% women. Its academic focus is in teacher education and human development. Early Childhood, Elementary Education and Social Work are all phenomenal majors. Classes average at fifteen students but can be as small as six. It is a quiet school with a great sense of community that has shared interest in the community. Most grading is based on written work rather than tests. Wheelock offers outstanding field experience starting in the first year. Teaching experience puts the students into different grade levels and socioeconomic schools. They have a 92% pass rate for the state teaching license right after graduation. Wheelock has twenty different clubs for student involvement. It's location is prime for a student looking to get a quality Education degree at a Boston college.

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Whittier College

Whittier, California

Just eighteen miles outside of L.A, this small college grew out of Quaker roots; it still fosters a strong sense of community and tolerance. The academic environment is competitive but professors are accessible and caring. Students can follow the traditional liberal arts program or the Whittier Scholars Program. In this program students make their own majors and mix and match classes to follow their own interests. English, Biology, Psychology, Political Science, Business, and Education are the most popular. Many students come from California, but the rest come from all over. Diversity is present and tolerance is enforced. Most students are white or Hispanic. Many students live on campus. There are nine social societies in place

of a Greek system. These societies do not dominate the social scene. Students are open, friendly, supportive, and close-knit. For fun, students hit the beach, hang out in L.A, or explore quaint Whittier. The college often helps out in the community. Football, soccer, softball and track are the most popular sports and men's lacrosse has been the most successful. This is a college for those who are seeking a small, diverse college that allows great freedom for students to explore their passions.

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Whitman College

Walla Walla, Washington

A small and close-knit community of outdoorsy, laid-back, and intelligent students can be found at Whitman. It's located in a small and isolated town, nearby the Blue Mountains, rivers, and forests; hiking, biking, backpacking, white-water rafting, rock-climbing and skiing abound. The academics are hard, but students don't compete with one another. Professors are open and helpful. Biology, English, Psychology, and Politics are the strongest programs. The school offers interesting programs like Astronomy, Gender Studies; Religion, Race, Film, and Ethnic Studies. Through a summer program in China students can study Chinese language and Asian studies. The college partners with other colleges to expand the range of classes available. Students are outdoorsy, down-to-earth, friendly, close-knit, loyal, intelligent, and diverse. It is not uncommon to see Frisbee playing and hippie culture. Many students come from Washington and many of the rest come from Western city suburbs. The campus is not ethnically diverse, but is slightly liberal, though most students lay in the middle area. The majority of students live on campus and there are Greek and themed housing. The social life is centered on frat parties but does not revolve around drinking. Walla Walla is very small but offers a symphony, playhouse, art galleries, and rodeos. Whitman is Division III and the tennis and basketball teams do well. Club lacrosse and rugby, ultimate Frisbee, and intramural football are also popular. The school also has two rock climbing walls.

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Widener University

Chester, Pennsylvania

Widener is ten minutes from Philadelphia. Roughly 3500 students attend. Widener is known for its very strong academics, job placement, and affordability. Professors are very accessible. The Business school and Hospitality and Management programs are especially strong. About sixty percent of students live on campus, with the rest living nearby and commuting home. Students often take advantage of going into Philadelphia; therefore the campus may feel quieter on the weekends. The campus has its own rock climbing wall. There are Division III athletics. Widener attracts students from the New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia region.

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Willamette University

Salem, Oregon

Willamette is a small university close to Oregon's state capitol building and state Supreme Court. Although Salem is the second largest city in Oregon, it is not comparable to places like Boston or New York. The campus is wooded and a stream runs right through it. Salem is small, but has movies, restaurants, and shopping. The campus is near the Cascade Mountains,

nice beaches, and areas for skiing and snowboarding. The school offers a Bachelor of Arts degree or a Bachelor of Music degree. Politics, English, Biology, Psychology, and Economics programs are strong. The campus' proximity to the state buildings leads to the schools excellent internship opportunities, especially in politics. They have an excellent study abroad program with good connections to programs in Asia. Most classes have less than 30 students and the professors are open and excited. The academics are good and the environment is competitive. A large portion of the students are from Oregon and many others come from Western states. The campus is not ethnically diverse, but is socially aware and respects others views. Most students live on campus. There is themed housing focusing on community service, outdoor activities, wellness, or substance-free. Students can get involved in Greek life but it isn't socially dominant. Community service and a sense of community are stressed at Willamette. The athletics are Division III with football, rowing, and track being the strongest.

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College of William and Mary

Williamsburg, Virginia

Founded in 1693, William and Mary is the second oldest college in the country and was the original public Ivy League College. Surrounded by Lake Matoaka and a forested wildlife preserve, the beautiful campus is steeped in tradition. The college continues to thrive academically as one of the most selective colleges in the country. There are about 5,500 undergraduates. History, Government and International Studies are the strongest programs but Business, Psychology, and English departments are also very popular. Their Internal Relations Center is also widely acclaimed. Academics are challenging and the work environment is intense. Professors work closely and openly with students with most classes having less than 25 people. They also have freshman seminars of 15 students. Nightlife is not strong, but volunteer opportunities are plentiful, and many students take advantage of them. The social life is decent. It is evident that the professors truly love the subjects that they teach and are accessible to the students. Overall it is a conservative student body that feels more like a private school than that of a public college. Being a state college, many of the students are from Virginia. The students are not very ethnically diverse. The majority of students live on campus, and the ones who don't, stay close by. The school is more focused on academics than a booming social scene. Many students are involved in Greek organizations which seem to hold most of the parties on campus. Intramurals and club sports are popular, with its two best being skydiving and ultimate Frisbee—the #1 team in North America in 2004. Williamsburg is small and pretty, but certainly not for those who need a thriving city-like experience. An intellectually driven, southern traditional, mainstream, Caucasian student who enjoys a contained campus experience would love this school.

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Williams College

Williamstown, Massachusetts

Williams is in constant battle with rival Amherst College over which is the most selective liberal arts college in the nation. Although many students are rich jocks from the East Coast, the students are deeper than they seem. Most students delight in the expansion of their intellectual thoughts and ideas and have at least one thing they are passionate about. One student describes the people as, "athletic, well-rounded, driven, friendly, and liberal." Students are intelligent, eager, motivated and interested in current events. The students also

have lots of school spirit. Students remain on campus all four years and there is no Greek life. Drinking is popular but there isn't pressure to participate. William's stresses interdisciplinary studies and close relationships with professors. Freshman courses usually have twenty-five students or less. The college offers inexpensive study tours all over the world. One of the strongest programs is Art History; but Economics, Psychology, Political Science, Math and History are strong as well. The work at Williams is challenging and time-consuming. The environment is noncompetitive. Professors are smart, engaging, and interesting. Williamstown is small and isolated, but it is surrounded by gorgeous hills, and filled with friendly people. It is near excellent skiing and hiking trails, and close by the Clark Art Institute. This school would suit students who enjoy nature and don't need a variety of options offered in a city to keep them happy. Sports are huge at Williams; they have won the Division III Sears Cup, given to the school with the strongest overall athletic program, countless times. Students with a thirst for knowledge, a desire to live in an isolated but beautiful town, a love of sports, and an open mind would find Williams exceptional.

University of Wisconsin at Madison

Madison, Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin at Madison has 30,000 undergrads, a prime location, thriving athletics, and good academics. It is a University with much to offer. The campus is on the edge of a lake and surrounded by a lively city that offers great concerts, restaurants, and bars. The academics are fairly challenging. Distribution requirements are rigorous. There are internships available, as well as study abroad. The professors are highly acclaimed. More than two-thirds of students are from Wisconsin and there is not much racial diversity. Still, the campus is very progressive and tends to be liberal. Many students live off campus. Volunteering is popular. For over a decade, the Peace Corps has recruited more members from this University than any other university or college in the nation. The university has a 12,000 acre nature preserve and is near ski slopes. As it is a Big Ten school, sports are a big part of the community. The marching band is also highly acclaimed. Students who are independent, take initiative, and enjoy a lively, social environment would find this school a great fit. This University can be compared to schools like Northwestern or Boston University.

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Wittenberg University

Springfield, Ohio

Wittenberg has the intimate classes of a small liberal arts college and a strong Division III sports program. Wittenberg attempts to create socially conscious students by requiring 30 hours of community service to graduate. They have 17 learning goals, requiring classes in a wide variety of subjects including philosophy, non-Western cultures, and physical education. Wittenberg has special leadership programs, merit scholarships, a student mentoring program, the University Scholars Program and the Wittenberg Fellows program. Wittenberg Fellows includes many opportunities for students to complete research with professors. Education is one of the university's strongest programs but Biology, English, and Business are also strong. Courses are reasonably challenging but the professors are helpful and concerned with student success. The students are friendly, out-going, social, and involved in many clubs and sports. Most students are from Ohio and the campus is not ethnically diverse. The campus has both liberal and conservative students, vocal about their opinions but peacefully coexisting. The Greek system is integral to campus life; weekends are centered at parties on or near campus.

Springfield has movie theaters, a mall, restaurants, and an arts center. There are state parks nearby for swimming, hiking and skiing. Athletics draw a large following and intramurals are popular.

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Wofford College

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Wofford combines the intimate learning environment of a small liberal arts school with the athletic prowess of a large university. Wofford competes in Division I football and has strong rivalries with Citadel and Furman. The school was built in 1854. It has been designated as an arboretum because of the wide variety and quantity of trees on campus. One-third of students are in the Life Sciences program, which is one of Wofford's best. Business, Foreign Language, English, Pre-law, and Economics are also popular. The classes are challenging and students rave that professors are scholarly, engaging, understanding, grounded, and put teaching before their research. The typical Wofford student is preppy. The campus is not diverse ethnically or socially as most students are white and well-off. The campus tends to lean to the conservative end but most students don't spend much time discussing politics or current events. Most students live on campus. The Greek system is integral to the campus social life. Campus is very close-knit and dry unless there is a special event. Spartanburg is a small city with a few nice hangouts, but it's certainly not lively. Students who are looking for a more traditional social environment, close relationships with faculty, great academics, and a well-supported and successful sports program would thrive here.

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The College of Wooster

Wooster, Ohio

Located fifty five miles from Cleveland and twenty five miles from Akron, Wooster has about 2000 students on a nice but tight campus. The college is well known for Social Sciences and Life Sciences and its interdisciplinary approach to learning. A unique feature of the curriculum is the senior thesis requirement. During the senior year, students take three courses while completing a master's level 150 page thesis report that ties everything they learned into a cohesive theme. Wooster is one of only five schools in the top 100 national liberal arts colleges to have this requirement. The college funds research projects and travel expenses for students to conduct these projects. A big part of the school philosophy is social justice. A high percentage of students go into the Peace Core or similar service work upon graduation. Students take only four classes per semester. The curriculum is very writing intensive, even in classes that don't generally require much writing. The largest class has 35 students, though most classes are discussion based with about 15 students. Volunteerism is a big part of Wooster's culture. Fifty percent of all graduates go on to get their Ph. D.'s, one of the highest percentages in the country among all schools. Campus life is alive on the weekends. The school marching band is very large and the college mascot is a Scotty Dog, as the college has Scottish heritage. The senior independent study project doesn't have to be determined until the end of junior year, which gives students time to develop their career focus. Completion of the project is very helpful in obtaining jobs. Virtually all students live on campus. In addition to dorms, there are 34 theme houses. Students can start a house based on their own community service project. Strong academic scholarships are available.

The freshman seminar class is very strong and is taught by the student's advisor, who leads the student for four years.

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester, Massachusetts

WPI is a cozy college campus located in the industrial city of Worcester. The intimate campus has recently renovated buildings, small student enrollment, and hands on learning. It is often compared to RPI; they have a large crossover of applicants. WPI has a diverse engineering curriculum, and an Interactive Qualifying Project, which represents the students' first chance to work on a true professional problem. The male to female ratio is 3:1. Classes run on a four semester academic year, with seven weeks per class and approximately three classes per term. WPI is a small, innovative, undergraduate oriented college, where students participate in many projects. Building strong relationships between faculty and students is important. Academics are rigorous. Top majors are Computer Science, Mechanical, Electrical, and Computer Engineering, Biology, and Biomedical Engineering. The biggest issues on campus are ethics in engineering and the environment. The only grades recorded are A, B, C, and no record. Failing grades do not appear on transcripts, and GPAs are not calculated. The Worcester is one of the nation's most successful high-technology regions, providing immense support to WPI's project based and research programs.

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Worcester State College

Worcester, Massachusetts

Worcester State offers an affordable education in a safe neighborhood. There are roughly 4,000 undergrads. A required freshman seminar places students into learning communities where they develop connections with other students early on. They have a new state-of-the-art technology and science building, though the campus is not inspiring in all aspects. Most majors encourage internships. The strongest majors are Business, Nursing, Education, and Allied Health. WSC offers unique majors like Communication Disorders and Urban Studies. There are many opportunities for bio-tech employment in Worcester, which draw many students majoring in the sciences. The athletic center could use renovations. All freshmen must have a laptop. 25% of students live on campus. WSC does not have Greek organizations. There are many minors available, such as Human Resource Development, Organizational Psych, Labor Studies, Women's Studies, Public Administration, Community Planning, etc. Worcester is 45 miles from Boston.

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Xavier University of Louisiana

New Orleans, Louisiana

Xavier is a historically black university with Roman Catholic affiliation. The campus is situated in New Orleans, where there are endless activities for students. Xavier is a liberal arts college with strong Science and Pre-med programs. About two-thirds of students are in a science related field and just under half of graduates go on to grad school. The school strives for, "the promotion of a more just and humane society," which means they stress community service. Most students are concerned with social issues of the outside world. Classes are challenging and the atmosphere is very competitive. Very few classes are taught by clergy.

Classes tend to be small, allowing for close interactions with professors. Though Xavier is historically black, nearly one-fifth of the students are not African American. Most students come from the Deep South, specifically Louisiana. The Greek system draws little student involvement. Xavier is a dry campus, meaning the school prohibits the use of alcohol on campus; however, like most colleges this does not mean there is no drinking. Xavier students have loads of school spirit and support athletic teams enthusiastically. This is a good choice for African-American students looking for excellent opportunities in the sciences, small classes, and close relationships with professors. Campus is a charitable and socially aware campus with religious backing.

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Yale University

New Haven, Connecticut

Yale is an Ivy League university focused on undergraduates, steeped in tradition, and more liberal than Princeton or Harvard. It strives to create the feel of a small liberal arts college although it is a large research university. The university is over three-hundred years-old and does its best to keep facilities up to date while maintaining its historical charm. Yale has excellent academics in all subjects, but Arts and Humanities are known to be particularly exceptional. Introductory classes are generally large, lecture based, and taught by teaching assistants. Out of 1,000 classes offered every trimester, 75% have a maximum of 20 students and 29% have fewer than 10. Students are happy, enthusiastic, and passionate about their education. Nearly all students were in the top ten percent of their high school class. The campus is quite ethnically diverse. Yalies tend to lean to the left politically and are outspoken. The majority of students live on campus all four years. The residential colleges, used in place of dorms, each have their own library, dining hall, and facilities. New Haven is an urban area. Students say they feel adequately safe. Yale students can participate in volunteer work in the town through Dwight Hall, which is the biggest college community service group in the country. More than half of the students take part in intramurals.

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Philadelphia University: Philadelphia, PA
University of Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh, PA
Saint Joseph's University: Philadelphia, PA
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Rhode Island

Brown University: Providence, RI
Bryant University: Smithfield, RI

Johnson and Wales University: Providence, RI
Providence College: Providence, RI
Rhode Island School of Design: Providence, RI
Roger Williams University: Bristol, RI
Salve Regina University: Newport, RI

South Carolina

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Clemson University: Clemson, SC
Furman University: Greenville, SC
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