

WHAT IS PERFECT “FIT”?

ACADEMIC FIT

- The requirements for admittance to a specific college fit your academic profile (your GPA, your test scores, your work ethic, and your curriculum).
- Also, does the college offer a variety of majors that interest you? If so, you should scan their college catalog and review the courses that are offered in your possible major. Do the courses seem challenging and interesting?
- How easy is it to change majors, double major, or does the college allow you to create your own major?
- Does the college offer internships, research opportunities, and study abroad?

SOCIAL/CULTURAL FIT

- Do you want a small, medium or large student body?
- Does the location of the college fit your needs (city, rural, suburban, etc.?)
- Is the ambience welcoming or competitive? Will you be a “number” or will you work closely with professors who know you as a person as well as a student?
- Does the college meet my “wish list? (Greek system, male/female ratio, strong athletic teams, vibrant school spirit)
- What percentage of students lives on campus? If so, how many years will you be required to live on campus?
- Are there enough campus organizations that interest you?
- How are roommates chosen? And, what are the various residence options?
- Is the students population diverse (ethnicity, socio-economic, international, etc.)?

FINANCIAL FIT

- How much are you and your family willing to pay for your education? (Check the “net calculator on the college’s website)
- Does the college offer need based and/or merit based scholarships?
- Do specific departments offer their own scholarships?
- Does the college offer paid internships or research opportunities?
- Does the college offer co-op programs?
- Does the college require both the FAFSA and the CSS Profile?