



## ACTIVITY: COLLEGE FIT FORM

Fill out a College Fit Form for every college you are considering to compare how well each school fits you academically, socially, and financially.

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Rate: \_\_\_\_\_%

### Exploring Academic Fit

- Which majors offered at this college appeal to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What academic opportunities (study abroad, research opportunities, honors program, etc.) interest you?  
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- Does the college have any notable rankings that are important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Which courses offered within your intended major interest you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Which academic supports (writing center, tutoring, etc.) that the college offers are important to you?  
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- What is the college's student-to-teacher ratio? \_\_\_\_\_ What is its average class size? \_\_\_\_\_
- How does this class structure align with your learning style? \_\_\_\_\_
- Compare your SAT/ACT scores to the average scores for admitted students:  
My Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT – Math \_\_\_\_\_ SAT – Reading & Writing \_\_\_\_\_ ACT – Composite  
Average Admitted Student Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT – Math \_\_\_\_\_ SAT – Reading & Writing \_\_\_\_\_ ACT – Composite
- Compare your GPA to the average GPA for admitted students: My GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
Average Admitted Student GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- How does your academic profile (standardized test scores and GPA) compare to those of admitted students?  
 Well above the average     Above the average     Matches the average  
 Below the average     Well below the average
- I have checked the [NAVIANCE](#) Scattergram for this school.     Yes     No     Unavailable
- What is this college's graduation rate? \_\_\_\_\_%

### Exploring Social Fit

- What is the college's setting?     Urban     Suburban     Rural
- How large is the college?     Extra-large     Large     Medium     Small
- What type of college is it? (note all that apply)     State     Private     Liberal Arts     HBCU  
 Community College     Two-year Private     For-profit
- What clubs, events, and activities at this college interest you? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What is the college's surrounding area like? What does it offer students? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. What is diversity like on campus? Consider all of the following areas: Geographic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Racial/Ethnic: \_\_\_\_\_ Socioeconomic: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Sexuality/LGBTQIA+: \_\_\_\_\_
7. What personal support programs/centers/resources are available to you on campus (e.g., Black Student Union, counseling services, women's center, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What do students seem to value (e.g., social justice, nature, Greek life [sororities and fraternities], sports, academic rigor, etc.), and do you value the same things? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Try to identify the college's culture by analyzing its mission statement and website. How would you describe the school's culture? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Search online for recent news items that feature this college (e.g., how the school has responded to various social issues, incidences of student harassment or mistreatment, etc.), and consider what this tells you about life on this campus. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exploring Financial Fit

1. What is the total cost of attendance at this college?
- Tuition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room & Board: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Books: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
2. What types of financial aid are offered by this college? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What institutional scholarships are offered by this college? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the average financial aid package offered by this college? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Look at your answers to questions 1–4. How does the average financial aid package compare to the total cost of attendance? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What percentage of students receives need-based financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_%
7. What options are available on campus for Work-Study or employment? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What types of financial aid services are available on campus (e.g., payment plan options, loan counseling, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the average student debt for graduates of this college? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Final Fit Rating

Now, look at your answers and determine this college's fit rating for you.

	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT	NO POINTS
ACADEMIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Perfect	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a Fit for Me
SOCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> Perfect	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a Fit for Me
FINANCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> Perfect	<input type="checkbox"/> Strong	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Not a Fit for Me

Add your scores for Academic, Social, and Financial fit to calculate the overall fit rating of this college:

**Fit Rating\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = **FINAL FIT** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Academic Social Financial TOTAL

\*On a scale of 1-12, where  
 0 = Not a Fit and 12 = a Perfect Fit.