

Questions To Help You Evaluate Your College Preferences

- ✓ What degree of academic challenge is best for you?
- ✓ What balance of study, activities, and social life suits you best?
- ✓ How interested are you in the substance of intellectual life -- books, ideas, issues, and discussions?
- ✓ Do you want an academic program where you must work and think hard, or one where you can make respectable grades without knocking yourself out?
- ✓ How important is it to you to perform at the top of your college class?
- ✓ How well do you respond to academic pressure and competition from others?
- ✓ What satisfactions and frustrations do you expect to encounter in college?
- ✓ What are you looking forward to?
- ✓ What worries you most?
- ✓ What do you hope to gain from college?
- ✓ What is the overriding consideration in your choice of college?
- ✓ Why do you want an education?
- ✓ Why are you going to college?
- ✓ How do you want to grow and change in the next few years?
- ✓ What kind of environment would stimulate or inhibit the growth you would like to see?
- ✓ What interests do you want to pursue in college?
- ✓ Do your interests require any special facilities, programs, or opportunities?
- ✓ Consider all your interests in terms of fields of study, activities, community and cultural opportunities? Are you more interested in career preparation, technical training, or general knowledge and skills?
- ✓ How would you enjoy living in a different part of the country?
- ✓ How often do you want go home?
- ✓ What kind of change in your life-style and perspective might be exciting, or distressing and overwhelming?
- ✓ What kinds of surroundings are essential to your well being?
- ✓ Are there certain places, activities, climate, or pace of life that are important to you?
- ✓ Do you prefer a fast-paced environment where something is happening most of the time, or an organized environment where you can join a wide variety of planned activities?
- ✓ Do you prefer a more serene and relaxed environment where you can go your own way?
- ✓ How would you feel about going to a college where the other students are quite different from you?
- ✓ How would you react? Would you find it an exciting or intimidating environment?
- ✓ Would you prefer to be with people who share your viewpoints and life-styles, or who challenge and make you question your values?
- ✓ How free do you feel to make your own college decisions?
- ✓ Do you and your parents agree about your plans for college?
- ✓ How important are the opinions of your parents, teachers, and friends?
- ✓ How important are the considerations of familiarity, prestige, or reputation in your community?