

College Fit Factors Worksheet



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The purpose of this worksheet is to help you brainstorm your College Fit factors. College Fit factors are what you need in a 4-year school in order to be successful. There are four categories of College Fit factors: Academic, Social, Physical, and Financial. For each category take time to consider the questions listed as well as any other College Fit factors that the questions did not cover that are unique to you. In the empty boxes, list your answers to the questions (your College Fit factors).

If you have questions or want more guidance email erica.walker@bellevuecollege.edu (Running Start Advisor)

<p>ACADEMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major(s)? • Minors(s)? • Class Size? • Classes taught by professors or student teaching assistants? • Academic rigor? • Other fit factors? 	<p>Academic College Fit factors:</p>
<p>SOCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student population: How many students? Racial/cultural make-up of the student body? • Values of the school • Student opportunities: internships, jobs, research, study abroad? • Sports: Varsity/JV? Intermural? • Other non-academic activities: musical groups, outdoors activities, arts groups, writing groups, social-justice groups? • Other fit factors? 	<p>Social College Fit factors:</p>
<p>PHYSICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type of school: Public or Private? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public schools offer lower tuition for students who are residents of that state. Private schools offer the same tuition for all students but often times have more money for scholarships for students. Public schools for in-state residents are often more affordable. • Size of campus? • Distance from home? • Live on campus or off campus? • Campus setting: urban, rural, suburban? • Other fit factors? 	<p>Physical College Fit factors:</p>
<p>FINANCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of tuition, student fees, housing and meal programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider the total cost and then how much of that total cost do you need to be covered by financial aid in order to be able to attend that school. • The average amount of financial need the school meets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This means of all students who attend, what percentage of their financial need does the school meet? • Scholarships offered by the school? How much would you need? • Work Study opportunities? • Other fit factors? 	<p>Financial College Fit factors:</p>

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Other Resources to Find your Fit:

Here are some resources to help you find your Fit Factors. Use these resources to ask yourself some questions and thinking carefully about what is important in order for you to be successful in your higher education.

[Big Future: College Search Step-By-Step](#)

[Princeton Review: How to Find your Best College Fit](#)

[CollegeExpress: 4 Ways to Find your College Fit](#)

[Niche: Finding Your College Fit Quiz](#)

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