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How to Make Your Final College Decision

Here are a few tips to help gain more insight to help make your decision.

Why did you apply? Think back to why you applied to each college in the first place, for example, size, location, access to professors, major, academic/social balance, etc. Do these still hold true? Has anything changed? Make sure the college you are considering fits your top wants and needs.

Visiting campus either virtual or in-person: Recently, virtual info sessions and tours have become the norm, but if you have the opportunity to get on campus take it. Be sure to continually check your email and college portals for important information on announcements and events for admitted students that may provide opportunities to meet potential classmates or the ability to drop in on a class. Check out YouVisit.com, YouTube, and CampusReel.

Connect with current students: Use social media to connect with current students. Check out Facebook groups for admitted students, thecolleget.com, ZeeMee, or even ask admissions offices for student contacts.

Consider college statistics: Take a look at the freshman retention rate, the higher the better. Will your newfound friends likely be there for sophomore year? What percentage of graduates are gainfully employed or in grad school 6 months from graduation? Look at the 4 year and 6 year graduation rates. This will help you get a sense of a school's commitment to getting you out in 4 years and therefore spending less money that leads me to my final suggestion.

Financial considerations: What is the net price at each college after merit and need-based awards? Compare the gap you are responsible for and consider what you will be making the first few years post graduation.

For the most accurate
testing updates or to
register for the SAT or ACT

visit:

[SAT](#) or [ACT](#)

Spring SAT:

May 8, June 5

Spring ACT:

April 17, June 12,

July 17

Waitlisted... Now What?

You've turned in all your applications and are waiting to hear from the colleges on your list. Most responses will be either an acceptance or a decline, but there's also the other choice – being waitlisted. This can happen when you meet all the admission requirements, but the college filled its limit of accepted students for the incoming year. If a space becomes available, you may be offered the spot, but unfortunately, it won't happen until after the May 1 decision deadline. So, what do you do?

First, decide if you still want to stay on the list. Keep in mind if you're accepted late, you may have fewer options for financial aid, housing or classes. If you do stay, take action.

- Contact admissions and reiterate your interest in the school. Make sure they know you'll definitely attend if accepted.
- Write a letter or email and provide any supplemental information they require or achievements you've had since you've applied.
- Ask for an interview. It'll give you a personal connection with someone and can check on your application status.

Most importantly, have a Plan B. Review the colleges that have accepted you and move forward with one of those choices. Send in a deposit and save your space. If you're accepted off the waitlist, you'll lose the deposit, but at least you'll have a backup plan in place.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

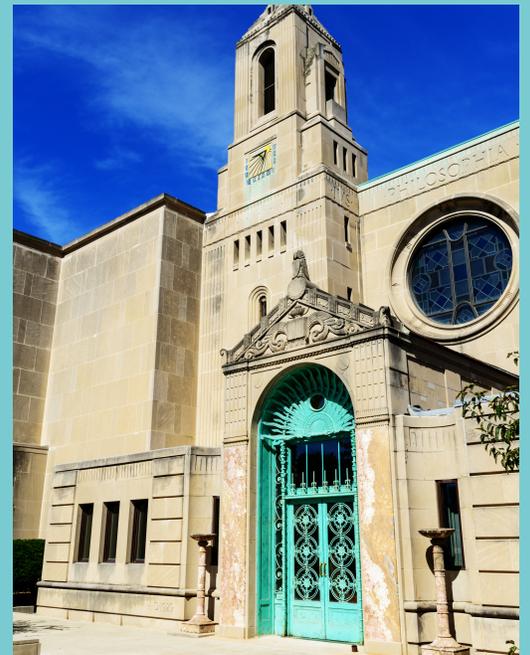


OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

OSU is a large, 4-year, public university located in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Known as the most accessible West Coast public university, it's the leader in agricultural education, with strong departments in business, biotechnology, and engineering, and offers a double degree or minor in Sustainability. Students can participate in the cooperative education program, allowing them to alternate study with work in a relevant job. Home to approx. 19,000 undergrads, OSU requires its freshman to live on campus the first year, while many opt to live off-campus in the town of Corvallis the rest of the time.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Loyola University Chicago has a world-class city as its backdrop for a world-class education. With a 14:1 undergraduate student/faculty ratio, Loyola students have excellent access to professors. The lakeshore campus serves as the main residential and undergraduate campus and home to more than 4,000. Loyola offers 80+ majors and 80+ minors and has an impressive 85% freshman retention rate. In their recently created School of Environmental Sustainability, Loyola strives to create solutions to the stress on our planet's natural resources, expanding knowledge in the service of humanity through teaching, conducting research, and sponsoring outreach activities on pressing environmental issues.



KEENE STATE COLLEGE

Keene State is a medium-sized, 4-year public liberal arts college located in Keene, New Hampshire. Keene is known for education, engineering technologies, visual and performing arts, and the social sciences. A unique program at Keene is the Sustainable Product Design and Innovation program which is heavy on hands-on, project-based learning. Keene values students who are creative change-makers.

MAJOR SPOTLIGHT

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES

Sustainability studies focuses on protecting the planet for future generations while taking advantage of our natural resources. Coursework crosses several disciplines such as economics, engineering, urban planning, sociology, and architecture. Related majors include environmental studies, natural resources management, and policy, as well as sustainable agriculture. Careers for those with a degree in sustainability studies include sustainability specialists, climate change analysts, and energy consultants.



TERMS TO KNOW

Admission Requirements

A set of rules established by each college for a student to be accepted. These may include specific HS coursework, teacher recs, and essays.

Prerequisites

College courses, test scores, and/or grade-level classes that must be completed before taking a specific course.

Decision Day

National college decision day is traditionally May 1 and is the deadline for seniors to pick their college and place a deposit indicating intent to enroll. During certain circumstances, the deadline may be extended.

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