

TEN TIPS

FOR CHOOSING THE COLLEGE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU

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Build a support network

This includes your teachers, family, friends, and others you know who went to college, all of whom can help you search for and learn more about different colleges. And, colleges want recommendations from high school teachers who **really** know you.

Take advantage of your school's college center

Whether your school has an actual center, college and career advisors, or school counselors, they can help you explore options, send transcripts and find scholarships.

Take the tests

Some colleges require and consider your test scores for admission. Try to take the SAT and ACT your junior year to keep your options open. This gives you the opportunity to study up for a retake! *Note: Some schools, like PLU, are test optional!

Know what you need to be your best

What sort of environment do you learn best in? Do you want guaranteed small class sizes? Lots of opportunities to study abroad? Options to do research projects with your professors?

Do things you love

Don't do activities just because you were told they would look good on your college résumé. Instead, do the things you're passionate about and explain in your college applications why you're passionate about them.

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Research, Research, Research

There are a lot of college search sites that can help you find good matches, and college websites have TONS of information about their programs and student life. In addition, spend some time deep-diving into their social media and YouTube accounts.

Find ways to explore campuses

An in-person tour is a really important part of the college search process, but you can also find virtual tours, videos, and ways to connect with current students that will all help you get to know campus better.

Take challenging classes

Taking tough classes will help prepare you for college coursework. Plus many colleges, PLU included, will consider your weighted GPA.

When you visit, prep some questions

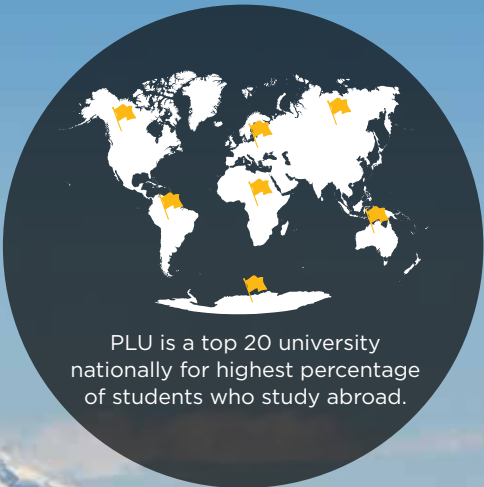
Visiting a campus for the first time can be a bit overwhelming, and you will always be asked if you have any questions. Write 3-4 questions in advance that are important to you and your interests.

Don't sweat the sticker price

Don't eliminate any colleges from your list just because of their price tag. You may be surprised at the scholarships you're offered and the resources available to reduce the cost of attendance.



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PLU is a top 20 university
nationally for highest percentage
of students who study abroad.

3,100
STUDENTS

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50+ minors

12:1 Student
faculty
ratio

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