College Comparison Worksheet

**School Characteristics**

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| **ACADEMICS** |
| Class location (on or off campus, online) |  |
| Distance from Lowell (Mileage/Time) |  |
| Class scheduling (when classes are held) |  |
| Faculty experience and expertise |  |
| Programs of study (majors and minors) |  |
| Student-to-faculty ratio (class size) |  |
| **ADMISSIONS** |
| Admissions or placement tests |  |
| Applications forms (school, system, common, online) |  |
| Deadlines (early decision, early action, rolling, open) |  |
| Selectivity (open, liberal, traditional, selective, very selective) |  |
| Total first-year applicants |  |
| ➤ % accepted |  |
| ➤ % who actually enrolled |  |
| ➤ Average GPA of applicants |  |
| **CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT** |
| Campus facilities, equipment and services |  |
| ➤ Computers and Internet access |  |
| ➤ Food service (cafeterias) |  |
| ➤ Health care |  |
| ➤ Housing |  |
| ➤ Library |  |
| ➤ Recreational |  |
| ➤ Transportation (parking, buses, etc.) |  |
| Campus safety |  |
| Campus setting (urban, suburban, small town, rural) |  |
| Coeducational |  |
| Religious affiliation |  |

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| **STUDENT BODY** |
| Number of undergraduates enrolled |  |
| ➤ % of full-time students |  |
| ➤ % of men and women |  |
| ➤ % of students 25 or older |  |
| ➤ % of minority students |  |
| ➤ % of students from out-of-state |  |
| ➤ % of international students |  |
| ➤ % of student who live on campus |  |
| % of students who return the following year |  |
| % of students who graduate |  |
| % of graduates employed within one year |  |
| **COST** |
| Application fee |  |
| ➤ Fee waiver available? |  |
| Amount of deposit (after acceptance) |  |
| Total annual cost of attendance |  |
| ➤ Tuition and fees |  |
| ➤ Room and board |  |
| ➤ Other required expenses (books, supplies) |  |
| **FINANCIAL AID** |
| Financial aid availability |  |
| ➤ Grants (participates in federal and/or state grant program?) |  |
| ➤ Scholarships |  |
| ➤ Work study |  |
| ➤ Loans |  |
| Financial aid deadline |  |
| Financial aid forms (FAFSA, PROFILE, school) |  |
| % of undergraduates receiving financial aid |  |
| ➤ Average amount awarded to undergraduates |  |
| **STUDENT ACTIVITIES** |
| Athletic offerings |  |
| Campus clubs and activities |  |
| Extracurricular organizations and events |  |
| **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES** |
| Career counseling |  |
| Job placement services |  |