



COLLEGE COMPARISON CHECKLIST

There are no RIGHT answers. Use this chart as a guide to possible questions. What do you care about most?

List three schools you'd like to compare in the gray box at the top of each of the columns. Put a "1" in the box under the school that's the best fit for that category, a "2" for the second best, and a "3" for the third best.

| ATHLETICS | School 1 | School 2 | School 3 |
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| Softball team success | | | |
| Clarity regarding your role on the field | | | |
| Coaching staff playing/coaching experience | | | |
| Offensive role on softball team-Does it fit me? | | | |
| Defensive role on softball team-Does it fit me? | | | |
| Longevity in the sport beyond college | | | |
| Success of other athletics programs | | | |
| Post-season possibilities | | | |
| Strength and conditioning program | | | |
| Overall Athletic Department Facilities | | | |
| Overall Softball Facilities: field, clubhouse, lockerroom | | | |
| Sports Medicine knowledge & accessibility | | | |
| Playing weather | | | |
| Family and Friends able to see you compete | | | |
| Historical overall program performance | | | |

| ACADEMICS | | | |
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| Overall status/ranking of academic program | | | |
| Diversity of academic opportunities | | | |
| Availability of tutoring & other services | | | |
| Average student/faculty ratio | | | |
| Do they have major(s) you have interest in? | | | |
| Internship Opportunities | | | |
| Summer jobs around your sport | | | |
| Academic Services, tutoring for athletes | | | |
| Preference for class registration, if needed | | | |
| Graduate school opportunities | | | |
| Job Market for chosen field | | | |
| Academic and need-based (non-athletic) aid availability | | | |
| Opportunity to do other on-campus activities | | | |



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| SOCIAL | | | |
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| Campus sports atmosphere | | | |
| What are the dorms like? Are they on campus? | | | |
| What is the surrounding campus community like? | | | |
| Overall weather | | | |
| Diversity of student body | | | |
| Opportunity for new experiences | | | |
| Is off-campus housing nearby? | | | |
| Activities in local area | | | |
| Proximity to other entertainment areas/pro sports | | | |
| Proximity to outdoor activities | | | |
| OVERALL | | | |
| Best balance: social, athletic, academic environment | | | |
| Do you feel a level of comfort on campus? | | | |
| Is it close enough/far enough away from home? | | | |
| Best place for athletic and career future | | | |
| Overall cost, financial implications | | | |
| Best training conditions | | | |
| Best facility support for softball team | | | |
| Best overall support for softball staff and players | | | |
| Proven record of team success | | | |
| National/International name recognition | | | |
| OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER | | | |
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| TALLY UP THE TOTAL LOWEST TOTAL IS BEST FIT FOR YOU | SCHOOL 1 | SCHOOL 2 | SCHOOL 3 |