

College Match and Fit

Match: Refers to a college or university's *academic* suitability for a student.

Fit: Extends beyond purely academic considerations to encompass the student's academic, financial, personal, and social needs.

Students should apply to a variety of institutions:

- Safety – the student will almost *definitely* be admitted
- Match – the student is *likely* to be admitted
- Reach – the student *may* be admitted



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ACAC Student Match Exercise

Name of College: _____

FIT – Information, by college, can be found under *At a Glance, Majors and Learning Environment, and Campus Life* on Big Future

Location of college (City, State)		4-year or 2-year?	
Size of college		Public or Private?	
Number of undergraduate students		Co-ed? Women only? Men only?	
Setting of college		Students live on campus or commute?	
Do they offer my major?	Yes	No	Diversity of campus
Percent of students that return sophomore year			Graduation Rate
What services are available on campus that are important to me?			

How well do you think this college **fits** your preferences? Excellent Fit Good Fit Okay Fit Somewhat of a Fit Does not Fit

MATCH – Information, by college, can be found under *Applying* on Big Future

How selective is this college?		Have I taken the required high school courses?	Yes	No
Percent of applicants admitted?	%	Percent of students with my SAT score		%
Percent of students with my GPA	%	Percent of students with my ACT score		%

Comparing my academic record to this college, this would be a **Reach, Match, or Safety** college for me (see definitions above)? _____

COST – Information, by college, can be found under *Paying* on Big Future

Total estimated cost to attend	\$	Percent of need met	%
My calculated net price	\$	Percent of need met through scholarships/grants	%
Percent of freshmen with need who received aid	%	Percent of need met through loans	%

I plan to apply to this college: Yes No

If Yes, Application Deadline: