College/University Visit Clusters

The groups of colleges and universities below are by no means exhaustive. These ideas are meant to serve as good starting points when beginning a college search.

**Boston/Rhode Island Area**

Large, urban universities: Boston University
Northeastern University

Medium universities: Bentley University
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brown University (RI)
Harvard University
MIT
Providence College
Tufts University

Smaller colleges: Babson College
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Merrimack College
RISD (art school)
Simmons College (women)
Stonehill College
Wellesley College (women)
Wheaton College
Wheelock College

**Maine/NH/VT**

Large universities: University of Vermont
University of New Hampshire
University of Maine
University of Southern Maine

Medium university: Dartmouth College

Small colleges: Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Middlebury College
New England College
St. Anselm College
St. Michael’s College

**Central/Western Massachusetts**

Large university: Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst

Small colleges: Amherst College
Assumption College
Clark University
College of the Holy Cross
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Mount Holyoke College (women)
Smith College (women)
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Connecticut
Large university: University of Connecticut
Medium universities: Fairfield University
Sacred Heart University
Yale University
Small Colleges: Connecticut College
Trinity College
Wesleyan University

New York City Area
Large, urban university: New York University
Medium universities: Columbia University
Fordham University
Hofstra University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Small colleges: Barnard College (women)
Cooper Union
Eugene Lang College
Sarah Lawrence College
Wagner College

New York State
Large universities: Cornell University
Rochester Institute of Technology
SUNY system
Syracuse University
Medium universities: Ithaca College
Marist College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rochester
Small Colleges: Bard College
Colgate University
Clarkson University
Hamilton College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Skidmore College
St. Lawrence University
Union College
Vassar College

Philadelphia and Surrounding Area
Large universities: University of Delaware
Drexel University
University of Pennsylvania
Rutgers University
Temple University
Medium universities: Villanova University
Small colleges: Bryn Mawr College (women)
Haverford College
Swarthmore College
Ursinus College
### Pennsylvania

**Large universities:**
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Pittsburgh

**Medium universities:**
- Bucknell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Duquesne University
- Lehigh University

**Small colleges:**
- Allegheny College
- Dickinson College
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Gettysburg College
- Lafayette College
- Muhlenberg College
- Susquehanna College

### Washington DC/Baltimore Area

**Large universities:**
- George Washington University
- University of Maryland (College Park)

**Medium universities:**
- American University
- Catholic University
- Georgetown University
- Howard University (Historically Black University)
- Johns Hopkins University
- Loyola University of Maryland

**Small colleges:**
- Goucher College
- Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)
- St. John’s College (Great Books)
- St. Mary’s College
- Washington College

### Virginia/North Carolina/Tennessee

**Large universities:**
- East Carolina University
- James Madison University
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Virginia

**Medium universities:**
- Duke University
- Elon University
- University of Richmond
- Vanderbilt University
- College of William and Mary

**Small colleges:**
- Davidson College
- Guilford College
- Hampden-Sydney College (Men)
- High Point University
- Lynchburg College
- Roanoke College
- Rhodes College

- Sewanee: University of the South
- Washington & Lee University
**South/Florida**

Large universities:  
- Clemson University
- University of Florida
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tampa

Medium universities:  
- Emory University
- Furman University
- University of Miami

Small colleges:  
- College of Charleston
- Eckerd College
- Lynn University
- Morehouse College (Historically Black College - Men)
- Rollins College
- Sewanee: University of the South
- Spellman (Historically Black College - Women)
- Wofford College

**Midwest**

Large universities:  
- DePaul University
- Michigan State University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Michigan

Medium universities:  
- University of Chicago
- Loyola University of Chicago
- Marquette University
- Northwestern University

Small colleges:  
- Beloit College (WI)
- Carleton College
- Grinnell College (IA)
- Lake Forest College
- Lawrence University (WI)
- Macalester College

**Ohio**

Large university:  
- Miami University of Ohio (suburban)

Medium university:  
- Case Western Reserve University

Small colleges:  
- Denison University
- Kenyon College
- Oberlin College
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Wittenberg University
- College of Wooster

**Colorado**

Large Universities  
- University of Colorado at Boulder
- University of Denver

Small College  
- Colorado College
- Regis University, Denver
### Southwest/Texas

**Large Universities:**
- University of Arizona
- University of New Mexico
- University of Texas, Austin

**Medium University:**
- Rice University
- Southern Methodist University
- Texas Christian University
- Trinity University (San Antonio)

**Small College:**
- St. Edward's, Austin
- St. John’s, Santa Fe

### Southern California

**Large Universities:**
- UCLA
- University of California at San Diego
- University of California at Santa Barbara
- University of Southern California

**Medium Universities:**
- Loyola Marymount University
- University of San Diego

**Small Colleges:**
- California College of the Arts
- Chapman University
- Claremont Colleges (Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona & Scripps)
- Occidental College
- OTIS College of Art and Design
- Whittier College
- University of Redlands

### Northern California

**Large Universities:**
- Stanford University
- University of California at Berkeley
- University of California at Davis
- University of California at Santa Cruz

**Medium Universities:**
- University of the Pacific
- Santa Clara University

**Small Colleges:**
- Dominican University
- St. Mary’s College of Moraga
- University of San Francisco

### Pacific Northwest

**Large Universities:**
- University of Oregon
- University of Washington

**Medium Universities:**
- Seattle University
- Willamette University
- University of Puget Sound

**Small College:**
- Lewis & Clark College
- Reed College
- University of Portland
- Whitman College