

## TripToCollege.org: Indiana College Comparison Student Worksheet

Access the Trip To College.org Indiana College Comparison search feature at:

[www.triptocollege.org/indiana\\_colleges/search.cfm](http://www.triptocollege.org/indiana_colleges/search.cfm).

You will narrow down the possible Indiana schools by working through each selection criteria on the search tabs. You may select “ No Preference” for some of these tabs and that is perfectly fine; going through the process of considering each criteria will help you understand how to analyze your choices so you make the best decision for you.

- **Degree Type/Majors Offered Tab**
  - Select the degree type that is needed for the career you have selected: certificate (usually takes up to one year to complete), Associate (two years), Bachelor’s (four years). If you are not sure of the degree type, leave blank.
  - Select the major, career type or general category of your career using the Majors Offered tab. Once you have found your career choice, highlight it and click on Add.
- **Undergraduate Enrollment Tab**
  - Select the lower and upper limits on the school’s enrollment if this is a preference for you.
  - Enrollment size has an impact on overall class size, especially Freshman classes
- **City Size Tab**
  - Select the size of the city or town; based on whether you want to go the college in a smaller town or in a big city.
- **Financial Aid Tab**
  - Select the type(s) of financial aid that fits your needs. Most schools offer need-based and merit-based financial aid, but not all.
- **Athletic Programs Tab**
  - If athletics is important to you, use this tab to select the types of athletics programs you would want to have at the college or university you are interested in attending.
- **Religious Affiliation Tab**
  - Is it important to you whether or not the school you attend has a religious affiliation, select Yes or No.
- **Campus Location Tab**
  - If you know you want to stay in (or go to) a specific area of Indiana, pick your preference here.

Once you have made your selections for each tab, click the **Search** button. The Indiana colleges and universities that most meet your selection criteria will be displayed in order of relevance. This will help you pick the schools you want to compare.

From the list of schools based on your search criteria, select four schools to compare, click the **Compare Up To 4 Colleges** button and use the information displayed to complete the chart here.

<b>Basic Information</b>				
School Name				
Institution Type				
City Size				
Enrollment				
Religious Affiliation				
Degree Types Offered				
Minority Enrollment				
Student/Faculty Ratio				
<b>Admissions and Enrollment</b>				
Percentage of Applicants Admitted				
% Freshman GPA 3.0 or Higher				
% Freshman in Top 25% of Class				
<b>Current Cost and Financial Aid</b>				
Total Costs (room, board, tuition & fees)				
% of Students Receiving Financial Aid				
Merit-based Criteria				
<b>Other Information Important to Me</b>				