

The Pros & Cons Of State Universities

The term *"in-state colleges"* refers to public colleges and universities in your home state, these schools usually have **lower tuition costs**. Private colleges that are in-state and out-of-state usually have **higher tuition costs**. The two main differences between them are their distance from your hometown and there tuition costs an in-state public school may also be a distance from your hometown.

Pros

Affordable Tuition

The affordability of the public university is one of its most positive aspects, without a lot of assistance it is the cheapest path to a diploma/degree.

Dynamic Atmosphere

The campus of the state university offers many social opportunities and a variety extracurricular activities. Whether the university is in a college town or in the heart of a big city, you have the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with students from a variety of ethic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. The campuses are generally large.

On-Campus Employment Opportunities

If you need extra money while earning your degree you can the work nearby are on campus to avoid a long commute, because of the options for working while in school students have more flexibility.

Knowledgeable Instructors

State universities attracts distinguished scholars as professors and may offer a better overall academic experience for those who believes the faculty is what makes the difference between a mere college degree and a quality education.

Challenging Courses

State schools offer a wide variety of majors. There are general and upper-level courses. The pace of general and upper-level courses depends upon the instructor. The only way to know what a course will be like is to speak with a

student who is familiar with the teaching style of the professor, speak with the instructor, and to check out the reviews of the professor class.

Cons

Finding Out Information

Their size contributes to many of the issues that develop at public universities. When the school makes a mistake it can be difficult to get in touch with the person who can reverse such errors. Allow plenty of time when dealing with administrative hassles and challenges. Keep copies of all of your school documents they are crucial to solving problems.

Availability of Classes

Public universities offer many sections for courses and the environment may not be as nurturing as a smaller private college. You must be prepared to register early during class registration period to get the classes you need to stay on track and graduate on time.

Accessibility of Professors

Access to professors may be limited and some professors have research and publishing responsibility that impact their availability. Getting in touch with them when you need assistance after class may be difficult. Participate in class, ask questions, and attend scheduled office hours. This will help you get the attention of your instructor when you encounter a problem with a class.

You May Get Lost in the Crowd

If you are introverted or not inclined to join student organizations you could run the risk of becoming lonely or isolated. Reach out, speak up, and take advantage of the many resources on campus.

Not all state schools are large and when you do your research look for a state school that has your major, offer a financial package that meets your needs, and has an environment that will support you throughout your college years as you pursue your dreams!

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