SELECTING THE COLLEGE THAT IS PERFECT FOR YOU!

Mt. San Jacinto College

Questions you might want to consider to help you better decide which college is right for you:

1. Degrees and Programs
   a. Do they have your major?
   b. Is your major impacted?
   c. What are the requirements to get into your major?
   d. Is there a graduate program for your career/subject interest?
   e. Is there a priority registration to students with special accommodation needs?
   f. Is there any faculty research opportunities?

2. Cost of Tuition and Housing
   a. What are the housing options? (i.e., residence halls, apartments, living at home)
   b. What is the cost of living on-campus versus commuting/off-campus?
   c. Are there any special grants (besides financial aid) being offered for housing?
   d. Are there additional fees aside from the cost of tuition?
   e. What are other things included with the dorm/house rent?
   f. Will students be referred to housing off-campus if they were to choose this option?

3. Financial Aid
   a. Go to Free Application for Free Application for Federal Student Aid [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply for financial aid. Do so by March!
   b. Check out different scholarships and grants available.
   c. Inquire about on-campus jobs or work-study opportunities.
   d. Do they offer grants during the summer?
   e. Are there any financial assistance programs international students could apply for (if they are not qualified for FAFSA)? What is the estimated cost of tuition and housing for such students?
   f. If you were to consider borrowing money, will your major (such as teaching majors) be an exemption to loan interests or waivers?
   g. Aside from loans, are grants also available in graduate school?

4. Class Size/Structure
   a. The student to faculty ratio.
   b. Are all the classrooms made convenient for students with special accommodation needs?
5. **Student Body**
a. Think about the campus size and the student body. How comfortable would you be to attend a university with as small as 1000 students or as large as 35,000 students?
b. What are the student demographics (i.e., ethnic & gender breakdown, fulltime vs. part-time, graduation rate, average age, etc.)?
c. What is the campus culture (i.e., commuter or residential campus)?

6. **Location of the School**
a. Is it a rural or urban setting?
b. Is it distant from home?
c. How big is the campus?
d. Is the school located conveniently/safely for commuting?
e. How late are their libraries open during daily and during the weekends?

7. **School Quality**
a. What is the accreditation background of the school you’re considering to attend?
b. Find out the school’s quality/reputation/ranking.

8. **Co-curricular Activities Available**
a. What kinds of clubs or leadership organizations are offered?
b. Are there any fraternities/sororities specialized for your major/career interest?
c. Is there a mentoring program for new students?

9. **Graduation Rate**
a. Ask not only how many graduate, but the approximate time it takes to complete a degree.
b. Are there any specialized programs to help you graduate on a timely manner?
c. What are some things to keep in mind about educational leave?
d. What are the filing dates for graduation?

10. **Finding Employment After Graduation**
a. Is there a Career or Internship Center available on campus?
b. Is there a Career Counselor or Advisor available?
c. How often does the school coordinate job/internship fairs?
d. What types of services are available to assist students in finding employment (i.e., resume workshops, mock interviews, etc.)

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