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FIELDS OF STUDY

ACTING

The Experts' Choice: Colleges for the Aspiring Actor

American U (DC)	Michigan, U of, Ann Arbor
Arts, U of the (PA)	Muhlenberg C (PA)
Bard C (NY)	New York, State U of, Purchase
Boston U (MA)	New York U
Brandeis U (MA)	Northern Colorado, U of
California, U of, Los Angeles	Northwestern U (IL)
Carnegie Mellon U (PA)	Oberlin C (OH)
Catawba C (NC)	Pace U (NY)
Chapman U (CA)	Roosevelt U (IL)
Columbia C Chicago (IL)	Sarah Lawrence C (NY)
DePaul U (IL)	Skidmore C (NY)
Elon U (NC)	Southern California, U of
Emerson C (MA)	Syracuse U (NY)
Fordham U (NY)	Temple U (PA)
Indiana U Bloomington	Tulane U (LA)
Ithaca C (NY)	Vassar C (NY)
Juilliard School (NY)	Wesleyan U (CT)
Kenyon C (OH)	Yale U (CT)
Marymount Manhattan C (NY)	

ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Colleges to Consider for Advertising and Public Relations

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Alabama, U of, Tuscaloosa	Georgetown U (DC)
Auburn U (AL)	Georgia, U of
Boston U (MA)	Houston, U of (TX)
Bradley U (IL)	Illinois, U of, Urbana
Brigham Young U (UT)	Loyola U (IL)
California State U, Fresno	Marist C (NY)
California State U, Fullerton	Marquette U (WI)
Central Florida, U of	Miami U (OH)
Chapman U (CA)	Miami, U of (FL)
Columbia C Chicago (IL)	Michigan State U
Denver, U of (CO)	Nebraska, U of, Lincoln
DePaul U (IL)	New York U
Drake U (IA)	Oklahoma State U
Emerson C (MA)	Oklahoma, U of
Florida State U (FL)	Pennsylvania State U, University Park
Florida, U of	Pepperdine U (CA)

PERSONALITY/INTERESTS/PRIORITIES

The Experts' Choice: Colleges Where Life Is Balanced

Experts were asked to name colleges for the student who wants a balance of academics and social life.

Bates C (ME)	Middlebury C (VT)
Boston C (MA)	New York U
Boston U (MA)	North Carolina, U of, Chapel Hill
Bowdoin C (ME)	Northwestern U (IL)
Bucknell U (PA)	Oklahoma State U
Carleton C (MN)	Pennsylvania State U
Chicago State U (IL)	Pittsburgh, U of (PA)
Clemson U (SC)	Portland, U of (OR)
Colby C (ME)	Puget Sound, U of (WA)
Colgate U (NY)	Rochester, U of (NY)
Colorado C	Santa Clara U (CA)
Connecticut C	Southern California, U of
Dartmouth C (NH)	Southern Methodist U (TX)
Davidson C (NC)	St. Lawrence U (NY)
Denison U (OH)	Stanford U (CA)
Duke U (NC)	Syracuse U (NY)
Emory U (GA)	Texas Christian U
Florida Southern C	Tufts U (MA)
Furman U (SC)	Tulane (LA)
Georgetown U (DC)	Union C (NY)
Gettysburg C (PA)	Vanderbilt U (TN)*
Indiana U, Bloomington	Villanova U (PA)
James Madison U (VA)	Virginia, U of
Lehigh U (PA)	Wake Forest U (NC)
Loyola U (MD)	Washington U (MO)
Miami U (OH)	Wisconsin, U of, Madison
Miami, U of (FL)	Wooster, C of (OH)
Michigan, U of, Ann Arbor	* The Top Choice

The Experts' Choice: Colleges With a Sense of Community

Experts were asked for colleges with a strong sense of community, with "community" defined here as a sense of "we-ness." At these colleges, the focus is on campus life and particularly strong connections among students.

Austin Community C (TX)	Iowa State U
Colorado C	Juniata C (PA)
Colorado, U of, Boulder	Nebraska, U of, Kearney
Creighton U (NE)	Nebraska, U of, Lincoln
Dickinson C (PA)	St. Mary's C (CA)
Ft. Lewis C (CO)	Tarleton State U (TX)
Hastings C (NE)	Taylor U (IN)
Howard Payne U (TX)	William & Mary, C of (VA)

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The Experts' Choice: Colleges That Are Especially Welcoming to Freshmen

Experts were asked to name schools that stand out in the way they welcome freshmen and integrate them into the college community.

Azusa Pacific U (CA)	Notre Dame, U of (IN)
California State U, San Diego	Ohio Wesleyan U
California, U of, Los Angeles	Pomona C (CA)
Chicago, U of (IL)	Puget Sound, U of (WA)*
Colby C (ME)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (NY)
Colorado C	Rice U (TX)
Colorado State U, Ft. Collins	Stanford U (CA)
Dartmouth C (NH)	Syracuse U (NY)
Davidson C (NC)	Texas A&M U
DePauw U (IN)	Texas Christian U
Duke U (NC)	Tufts U (MA)
Eckerd C (FL)	Tulane U (LA)
Elon U (NC)	Union C (NY)
High Point U (NC)	Vanderbilt U (TN)
Indiana U, Bloomington	Villanova U (PA)
Johns Hopkins U (MD)	Washington U (MO)
Kenyon C (OH)	Washington, U of, Seattle
Mercer U (GA)	Wellesley C (MA)
Middlebury C (VT)	Wisconsin, U of, Madison
Missouri State U	Whitman C (WA)
Muhlenberg C (PA)	* The Top Choice

The Experts' Choice: Colleges for the Leader (or Soon-to-Be Leader)

Experts were asked to list colleges particularly suitable for a student leader.

Agnes Scott C (GA)	Hamilton C (NY)
Alabama, U of, Tuscaloosa	Harvard U (MA)
American U (DC)	Haverford C (PA)
Arizona State U	Lehigh U (PA)
Boston C (MA)	Macalester C (MN)
Bowdoin C (ME)	Massachusetts, U of, Amherst
Bucknell U (PA)	Notre Dame, U of (IN)
Carleton C (MN)	North Carolina, U of, Chapel Hill
Claremont McKenna C (CA)	Northwestern U (IL)
Colgate U (NY)	Oberlin C (OH)
Cornell U (NY)	Pennsylvania, U of
Dartmouth C (NH)	Pomona C (CA)
Davidson C (NC)	Princeton U (NJ)
Dickinson C (PA)	Rhodes C (TN)
Duke U (NC)	Richmond, U of (VA)
Elon U (NC)	Stanford U (CA)
Emory U/Oxford C (GA)	Syracuse U (NY)
Franklin & Marshall C (PA)	Tulane U (LA)
George Washington U (DC)	Wellesley C (MA)
Georgetown U (DC)	Wofford C (SC)

The Experts' Choice: Tolerant Colleges

Experts were asked to identify colleges that are tolerant and accepting of differing student perspectives.

Bard C (NY)	Lewis & Clark C (OR)
Bates C (ME)	Macalester C (MN)
Beloit C (WI)	Mt. Holyoke C (MA)
Boston U (MA)	New C (FL)
Brown U (RI)	New York U
Bryn Mawr C (PA)	Oberlin C (OH)*
California State U, San Francisco	Pitzer C (CA)
California, U of, Berkeley	Reed C (OR)***
California, U of, Los Angeles	San Francisco, U of (CA)
Carleton C (MN)	Sarah Lawrence C (NY)
Chicago, U of (IL)	Skidmore C (NY)
Clark U (MA)	Smith C (MA)
Colorado C	St. John's C (NM)
Columbia U (NY)	Swarthmore C (PA)
Earlham U (IN)	Tufts U (MA)
Evergreen State C (WA)	Vassar C (NY)
Goucher C (MD)	Warren Wilson C (NC)
Grinnell C (IA)	Wesleyan U (CT)**
Guilford C (NC)****	
Hampshire C (MA)	* The Top Choice
Haverford C (PA)	** The Second Choice
Hendrix C (AR)	*** The Third Choice
Kenyon C (OH)	**** The Fourth Choice

The Experts' Choice: Colleges Where Morals and Values Are Emphasized

Experts were asked to look beyond the traditional Christian and Bible colleges to consider other colleges that promote moral values.

Top Choices

Brandeis U (MA)	Boston C (MA)
Davidson C (NC)**	Bowdoin C (ME)
Furman U (SC)	Brigham Young U (UT)
Haverford C (PA)*	Chapman U (CA)
Hope C (MI)	Earlham C (IN)
Notre Dame, U of (IN)	Elon U (NC)
Pepperdine U (CA)	Flagler C (FL)
Santa Clara U (CA)	Gonzaga U (WA)
St. Olaf C (MN)	Gordon C (MA)
Swarthmore C (PA)	Grove City C (PA)
Villanova U (PA)	Guilford C (NC)
Whitman U (WA)	High Point U (NC)
* The Top Choice	Hillsdale C (MI)
** The Second Choice	Holy Cross, C of the (MA)
	Lawrence U (WI)
	Moravian C (PA)
	Muhlenberg C (PA)
	Naropa U (CO)
	Oberlin C (OH)

Second Choices

Bates C (ME)

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Pitzer C (CA)	Virginia, U of
Richmond, U of (VA)	Wake Forest U (NC)
Samford U (AL)	Washington & Lee U (VA)
Seattle U (WA)	Wheaton C (IL)
South, U of the, Sewanee (TN)	William & Mary, C of (VA)
St. John Fisher C (NY)	Wofford C (SC)

The Experts' Choice: Colleges for the Socially Conservative

Baylor U (TX)**	South, U of the (TN)
Brigham Young U (UT)	Southern Methodist U (TX)**
Colorado Christian U	St. Thomas Aquinas C (NY)
Davidson C (NC)	Texas Christian U
Furman U (SC)	Vanderbilt U (TN)
George Fox U (OR)	Villanova U (PA)
Grove City C (PA)	Wake Forest U (NC)
High Point U (NC)	Washington & Lee U (VA)**
Hillsdale C (MI)*	Wheaton C (IL)
Holy Cross, C of the (MA)	Wofford C (SC)
Liberty U (VA)	
Notre Dame, U of (IN)	* The Top Choice (tie)
Pepperdine U (CA)*	** The Second Choice (tie)
Richmond, U of (VA)	

Most Conservative Colleges

These colleges were named the most conservative by the Young America's Foundation.

Christendom C (VA)	Ohio Christian U
Colorado Christian U	Ozarks, C of the (MO)
Franciscan U (OH)	Patrick Henry C (VA)
Grove City C (PA)	Regent U (VA)
Harding U (AR)	St. Vincent C (PA)
Hillsdale C (MI)	Thomas Aquinas C (CA)
King's C, The (NY)	Thomas More C (NH)
Liberty U (VA)	Wisconsin Lutheran C

Source: Young America's Foundation (yaf.org)

Colleges That Are Conservative and Offer a “True Liberal Education”

These colleges were selected by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) for inclusion in the college guidebook *Choosing the Right College*. ISI uses the tagline “Educating for Liberty” and declares it is “Inspiring college students to discover, embrace, and advance the principles and virtues that make American free and prosperous.” Among the criteria considered were “the presence or absence of a core curriculum, the nature of student living arrangements, the strength of distribution requirements, the protection of free inquiry, and the state of campus safety.”

Amherst C (MA)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ave Maria U (FL)	Middlebury C (VT)
Barnard C (NY)	Mt. Holyoke C (MA)
Bates C (ME)	New York U
Baylor U (TX)	Northwestern U (IL)
Belmont Abbey C (NC)	Notre Dame, U of (IN)
Berry C (GA)	Oberlin C (OH)
Boston C (MA)	Patrick Henry C (VA)
Boston U (MA)	Pennsylvania, U of
Bowdoin C (ME)	Pepperdine U (CA)
Brandeis U (MA)	Princeton U (NJ)
Brown U (RI)	Providence C (RI)
Bryn Mawr C (PA)	Rice U (TX)
Bucknell U (PA)	Sarah Lawrence C (NY)
California Institute of Technology	Seton Hall U (NJ)
Carnegie Mellon U (PA)	Smith C (MA)
Catholic U (DC)	South, U of the (TN)
Centre C (KY)	Southern California, U of
Chicago, U of (IL)	Southern Methodist U (TX)
Christendom C (VA)	St. John's C (MD)
Claremont Colleges Consortium (CA)	Stanford U (CA)
Columbia U (NY)	Swarthmore C (PA)
Cornell U (NY)	Thomas Aquinas C (CA)
Dallas, U of (TX)	Tufts U (MA)
Dartmouth C (NH)	Tulane U (LA)
Duke U (NC)	Vanderbilt U (TN)
Emory U (GA)	Vassar C (NY)
Fordham U (NY)	Villanova U (PA)
Georgetown U (DC)	Wabash C (IN)
Gordon C (MA)	Wake Forest U (NC)
Grinnell C (IA)	Washington & Lee U (VA)
Grove City C (PA)	Washington U (MO)
Hampden-Sydney C (VA)	Wellesley C (MA)
Harvard U (MA)	Wesleyan U (CT)
Haverford U (PA)	Wheaton C (IL)
Hillsdale C (MI)	Whitman C (WA)
Johns Hopkins U (MD)	Williams C (MA)
Kenyon C (OH)	Yale U (CT)
King's C, The (NY)	

Source: Zmirak, John. *Choosing the Right College 2014-15: The Inside Scoop on Elite Schools and Outstanding Lesser-Known Institutions*. Wilmington, Delaware: ISI, 2013. Print.