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#1 Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Harvard University is a private institution in Cambridge, Mass., just outside of Boston. This Ivy League school is the oldest higher education institution in the country and has the largest endowment of any school in the world.

Tuition and fees: \$40,866 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,657
Setting: city

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#1 Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

The ivy-covered campus of Princeton University, a private institution, is located in the quiet town of Princeton, N.J. Princeton was the first university to offer a "no loan" policy to financially needy students, giving grants instead of loans to accepted students who need help paying tuition.

Tuition and fees: \$38,650 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 5,249
Setting: suburban

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#3 Yale University

New Haven, CT

Yale University, located in New Haven, Conn., offers a small college life with the resources of a major research institution. Yale students are divided into 12 residential colleges that foster a supportive environment for living, learning, and socializing.

Tuition and fees: \$42,300 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 5,349
Setting: city

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#4 Columbia University

New York, NY

Columbia University has three undergraduate schools: Columbia College, The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS), and the School of General Studies. This Ivy League, private school guarantees students housing for all four years on campus in Manhattan's Morningside Heights neighborhood in New York City.

Tuition and fees: \$47,246 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,027
Setting: urban

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#4 **University of Chicago**
Chicago, IL

The University of Chicago, situated in Chicago's Hyde Park community, offers a rich campus life in a big-city setting. Since 1987, the private institution has hosted the University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt, a four-day event that is regarded as the largest scavenger hunt in the world.

Tuition and fees: \$44,574 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 5,388
Setting: urban

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#6 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
Cambridge, MA

Though the Massachusetts Institute of Technology may be best known for its math, science, and engineering education, this private research university also offers architecture, humanities, management, and social science programs. The school is located in Cambridge, Mass., just across the Charles River from downtown Boston.

Tuition and fees: \$42,050 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 4,384
Setting: urban

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#6 **Stanford University**
Stanford, CA

The sunny campus of Stanford University is located in California's Bay Area, about 30 miles from San Francisco. The private institution stresses a multidisciplinary combination of teaching, learning, and research, and students have many opportunities to get involved in research projects.

Tuition and fees: \$41,787 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,988
Setting: suburban

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#8 **Duke University**
Durham, NC

Located in Durham, N.C., Duke University is a private institution that has liberal arts and engineering programs for undergraduates. The Duke Blue Devils sports teams have a fierce rivalry with the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill Tar Heels and are best known for their outstanding men's basketball program.

Tuition and fees: \$43,623 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,680
Setting: suburban

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#8 **University of Pennsylvania**
Philadelphia, PA

Founded by Benjamin Franklin, the University of Pennsylvania is a private institution in the University City neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pa., near Drexel University. Undergraduates can study in four academic departments: Arts and Sciences, Nursing, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Wharton.

Tuition and fees: \$43,738 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 9,779
Setting: urban

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#10 **California Institute of Technology**
Pasadena, CA

The California Institute of Technology focuses on science and engineering education and has a low student-to-faculty ratio of 3:1. This private institution in Pasadena, Calif. is actively involved in research projects with grants from NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Tuition and fees: \$39,588 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 978
Setting: suburban

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#10 **Dartmouth College**
Hanover, NH

Dartmouth College, a private institution in Hanover, N.H., uses quarters, not semesters, to divide the school year. Among more than 300 student organizations at Dartmouth is the Outing Club, the nation's oldest and largest collegiate club of its kind, which offers outdoor activities, expeditions, gear rentals, and courses.

Tuition and fees: \$45,042 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 4,194
Setting: rural

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#12 Northwestern University

Evanston, IL

Northwestern University is a private school in Evanston, Ill., about 30 minutes outside of Chicago. Undergraduate students have more than 70 options for majors or can design their own non-traditional degree program.

Tuition and fees: \$43,779
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 8,475
Setting: suburban

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#13 Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

Johns Hopkins University is a private institution in Baltimore, Md. that offers a wide array of academic programs in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, and engineering disciplines. The Hopkins Blue Jays men's lacrosse team is consistently dominant in the NCAA Division I; other sports teams at Hopkins compete at the Division III level.

Tuition and fees: \$43,930
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 5,980
Setting: urban

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#14 Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

Students can study architecture, art, arts and sciences, business, and engineering at Washington University in St. Louis, a private research institution in Missouri. Outside of class, about a quarter of the student body is involved in Greek life.

Tuition and fees: \$43,705
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 7,239
Setting: suburban

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#15 Brown University

Providence, RI

At Brown University, undergraduate students are responsible for designing their own academic study with more than 70 concentration programs to choose from. Another unique offering at this private, Ivy League institution in Providence, R.I. is the Program in Liberal Medical Education, which grants both a bachelor's degree and medical degree in eight years.

Tuition and fees: \$43,758
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 6,380
Setting: city

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#15 Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Cornell University, a private school in Ithaca, N.Y., started the country's first colleges for hotel administration, industrial and labor relations, and veterinary medicine. Cornell now offers a wide variety of undergraduate programs and runs interdisciplinary research centers for nanotechnology, supercomputing, and more.

Tuition and fees: \$43,413
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 14,167
Setting: rural

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#17 Rice University

Houston, TX

Rice University is located in the heart of the Museum District in Houston, TX. The private institution has a need-blind admissions policy and meets the full demonstrated need of any accepted student who requires help paying tuition.

Tuition and fees: \$37,292
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 3,755
Setting: urban

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#17 University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, IN

The University of Notre Dame is a private, independent, Catholic institution in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame's athletic teams, known as the Fighting Irish, play in the NCAA Division I and are particularly competitive on the football field.

Tuition and fees: \$42,971
(2012-13)

Enrollment: 8,452
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#17 **Vanderbilt University**

Nashville, TN

A private institution, Vanderbilt University was founded in 1873.

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Tuition and fees: \$42,118
(2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,817
Setting: urban

#20 **Emory University**

Atlanta, GA

Students can begin their education at the school's main location in a suburb of Atlanta, known as Emory College, or at Oxford College, a smaller campus about 40 miles away. This private institution offers about 70 majors in the arts and sciences, as well as degrees in business administration and nursing.

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Tuition and fees: \$42,980
(2012-13)
Enrollment: 7,441
Setting: suburban

#21 **Georgetown University**

Washington, DC

Georgetown University is the oldest Catholic university in the country. The school's location in Washington, D.C. gives students many opportunities for internships throughout the nation's capital.

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Tuition and fees: \$42,870
(2012-13)
Enrollment: 7,590
Setting: urban

#21 **University of California--Berkeley**

Berkeley, CA

The University of California—Berkeley overlooks the San Francisco Bay in Berkeley, Calif. Students at this public school have more than 700 organizations to get involved in, including more than 55 fraternity and sorority chapters.

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In-state tuition and fees: \$11,767 (2011-12)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$34,645 (2011-12)
Enrollment: 25,885
Setting: urban

#23 **Carnegie Mellon University**

Pittsburgh, PA

Carnegie Mellon University, a private institution in Pittsburgh, Pa., is the country's only school founded by industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The school specializes in academic areas including engineering, business, computer science, and fine arts.

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Tuition and fees: \$45,124
(2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,281
Setting: urban

#24 **University of California--Los Angeles**

Los Angeles, CA

The University of California—Los Angeles is just five miles away from the Pacific Ocean. The public institution offers more than more than 3,000 courses and more than 130 majors to undergraduate students.

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In-state tuition and fees: \$12,692 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$35,570 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 27,199
Setting: urban

#24 **University of Southern California**

Los Angeles, CA

Undergraduates study in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at the University of Southern California, a private school based in Los Angeles. The USC Trojans compete in the NCAA Division I Pac-12 Conference and are particularly competitive in football.

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Tuition and fees: \$44,463
(2012-13)
Enrollment: 17,414
Setting: urban

#24 **University of Virginia**

Charlottesville, VA

Founded in 1819, University of Virginia is a public institution. University of Virginia follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

In-state tuition and fees: \$12,006 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$38,018 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 15,762
Setting: suburban

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#27 **Wake Forest University**

Winston-Salem, NC

Wake Forest University is a private institution that was founded in 1834. The school has 56.5 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at Wake Forest University is 11:1.

Tuition and fees: \$43,200 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 4,775
Setting: suburban

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#28 **Tufts University**

Medford, MA

Tufts University was established in 1852 as a private institution. Tufts University follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

Tuition and fees: \$44,666 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 5,194
Setting: suburban

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#29 **University of Michigan--Ann Arbor**

Ann Arbor, MI

A public institution, University of Michigan--Ann Arbor was founded in 1817. University of Michigan--Ann Arbor offers a Greek system, where 19.0 percent of the student body is involved in a sorority and 15.0 percent is involved in a fraternity.

In-state tuition and fees: \$13,437 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$39,109 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 27,407
Setting: city

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#30 **University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill**

Chapel Hill, NC

University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill has a total undergraduate enrollment of 18,430, with a gender distribution of 41.8 percent male students and 58.2 percent female students. At this school, 46.0 percent of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 54.0 percent of students live off campus.

In-state tuition and fees: \$7,694 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,446 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 18,430
Setting: suburban

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#31 **Boston College**

Chestnut Hill, MA

Founded in 1863, Boston College is a private institution. Boston College follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

Tuition and fees: \$43,878 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 9,088
Setting: suburban

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#32 **New York University**

New York, NY

New York University is a private institution that was founded in 1831. The school has 63.5 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at New York University is 11:1.

Tuition and fees: \$41,606 (2011-12)
Enrollment: 22,280
Setting: urban

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#33 **Brandeis University**

Waltham, MA

Brandeis University was established in 1948 as a private institution. Brandeis University follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

Tuition and fees: \$43,708 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 3,504
Setting: suburban

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#33 **College of William and Mary**

Williamsburg, VA

A public institution, College of William and Mary was founded in 1693. College of William and Mary offers a Greek system, where 28.0 percent of the student body is involved in a sorority and 26.0 percent is involved in a fraternity.

In-state tuition and fees: \$13,570 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$36,753 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 6,071
Setting: suburban

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#33 **University of Rochester**

Rochester, NY

University of Rochester has a total undergraduate enrollment of 5,643, with a gender distribution of 48.5 percent male students and 51.5 percent female students. At this school, 83.0 percent of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 17.0 percent of students live off campus.

Tuition and fees: \$43,666 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 5,643
Setting: suburban

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#36 **Georgia Institute of Technology**

Atlanta, GA

Founded in 1885, Georgia Institute of Technology is a public institution. Georgia Institute of Technology follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

In-state tuition and fees: \$10,098 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$29,402 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 13,948
Setting: urban

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#37 **Case Western Reserve University**

Cleveland, OH

Case Western Reserve University is a private institution that was founded in 1826. The school has 62.1 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at Case Western Reserve University is 9:1.

Tuition and fees: \$40,490 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 4,016
Setting: urban

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#38 **Lehigh University**

Bethlehem, PA

Lehigh University was established in 1865 as a private institution. Lehigh University follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

Tuition and fees: \$42,220 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 4,869
Setting: city

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#38 **University of California--Davis**

Davis, CA

A public institution, University of California--Davis was founded in 1905.

In-state tuition and fees: \$13,877 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$36,755 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 25,096
Setting: city

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#38 **University of California--San Diego**

La Jolla, CA

In-state tuition and fees: \$12,128 (2011-12)
 Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$35,006 (2011-12)
 Enrollment: 23,046
 Setting: urban

University of California--San Diego has a total undergraduate enrollment of 23,046, with a gender distribution of 49.5 percent male students and 50.5 percent female students. At this school, 34.0 percent of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 66.0 percent of students live off campus.

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#41 **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

Troy, NY

Tuition and fees: \$44,475 (2012-13)
 Enrollment: 5,322
 Setting: city

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is a private institution. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered most selective.

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#41 **University of California--Santa Barbara**

Santa Barbara, CA

In-state tuition and fees: \$13,671 (2012-13)
 Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$36,549 (2012-13)
 Enrollment: 18,620
 Setting: suburban

University of California--Santa Barbara is a public institution that was founded in 1909. The school has 46.8 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at University of California--Santa Barbara is 17:1.

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#41 **University of Wisconsin--Madison**

Madison, WI

In-state tuition and fees: \$10,384 (2012-13)
 Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$26,634 (2012-13)
 Enrollment: 30,367
 Setting: city

University of Wisconsin--Madison was established in 1848 as a public institution. University of Wisconsin--Madison follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered more selective.

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#44 **University of California--Irvine**

Irvine, CA

In-state tuition and fees: \$14,090 (2011-12)
 Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$36,968 (2011-12)
 Enrollment: 22,004
 Setting: suburban

A public institution, University of California--Irvine was founded in 1965. University of California--Irvine offers a Greek system, where 10.0 percent of the student body is involved in a sorority and 9.0 percent is involved in a fraternity.

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#44 **University of Miami**

Coral Gables, FL

Tuition and fees: \$39,654 (2011-12)
 Enrollment: 10,509
 Setting: suburban

University of Miami has a total undergraduate enrollment of 10,509, with a gender distribution of 48.9 percent male students and 51.1 percent female students. At this school, 41.0 percent of the students live in college-owned, -operated, or -affiliated housing and 59.0 percent of students live off campus.

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#46 **Pennsylvania State University--University Park**

University Park, PA

In-state tuition and fees: \$16,444 (2012-13)
 Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,746 (2012-13)
 Enrollment: 38,954
 Setting: city

Founded in 1855, Pennsylvania State University--University Park is a public institution. Pennsylvania State University--University Park follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered more selective.

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#46 **University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign**
Champaign, IL

University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign is a public institution that was founded in 1867. The school has 34.0 percent of its classes with fewer than 20 students, and the student-faculty ratio at University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign is 18:1.

In-state tuition and fees: \$14,428 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,570 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 32,256
Setting: city

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#46 **University of Texas--Austin**
Austin, TX

University of Texas--Austin was established in 1883 as a public institution. University of Texas--Austin follows a semester-based academic calendar and its admissions are considered more selective.

In-state tuition and fees: \$9,792 (2012-13)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$33,060 (2012-13)
Enrollment: 38,437
Setting: city

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#46 **University of Washington**
Seattle, WA

A public institution, University of Washington was founded in 1861. University of Washington offers a Greek system, where 5.0 percent of the student body is involved in a sorority and 6.0 percent is involved in a fraternity.

In-state tuition and fees: \$10,574 (2011-12)
Out-of-state tuition and fees: \$28,058 (2011-12)
Enrollment: 29,017
Setting: urban

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#46 **Yeshiva University**
New York, NY

Yeshiva University has a total undergraduate enrollment of 2,786, with a gender distribution of 52.9 percent male students and 47.1 percent female students. At

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Enrollment: 2,786
Setting: urban

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