

SELF-ASSESSMENT (for student's personal use)

To find colleges that will fit your needs and interests, you must be clear about what those needs and interests really are. Complete the following inventory as a way of beginning your self-assessment. For each statement answer: Yes (**Y**), No (**N**), or Unimportant (**U**).

- Y N U I need to be close to home.
- Y N U I need to be in an environment where I will feel like part of a community.
- Y N U I need to be in a location where I can explore many interests off campus.
- Y N U The climate where the school is located is an important factor to me.
- Y N U I want to go to a college attended by many of my friends from high school.
- Y N U I want the students to be like me – similar in religious background, political outlook, part of the country, values.
- Y N U I want to know my professors and have them available to me.
- Y N U There are specific facilities I will need – labs, studio space, etc.
- Y N U I want anonymity in college – a chance to “get lost.”
- Y N U I would like to get actively involved in the life of the campus.
- Y N U I want the majority of students to live on campus, not commute.
- Y N U I would like to belong to a sorority/fraternity.
- Y N U I want a rah-rah atmosphere on campus where most students go to athletic events.
- Y N U I would like to participate in intercollegiate athletics.
- Y N U I want to experiment widely in the curriculum and change majors if I choose.

- Y N U I know what I want to major in.
- Y N U I want professors who are primarily teachers (not researchers) who care about teaching me.
- Y N U I need a structured curriculum that will be clearly defined to me as far as core requirements, requirements in my major and electives.
- Y N U I need a challenging academic environment where most of the students are at my ability level or higher.
- Y N U I need to please myself in making the decision about college more than I need to please others – family, friends, classmates, or teachers.