



# The Perfect College

## Main Ingredients

### **COST:**

- Could we afford it without financial aid?
- How much financial aid will we get?
- Is the loan burden justifiable? Bearable?

### **ACADEMICS:**

- Do they have my child's major?
- Does the department have a solid reputation?

## LOCATION

### **TOTAL TRAVEL TIME:**

- Plane?
- Car Drive?

## Environment

### **SOCIAL CULTURE:**

- Is the school religious?
- Socially conservative?
- Filled with social justice warriors?
- A place where people pledge Greek organizations and are very status conscious?
- A party school?
- Very sports oriented?
- Quiet? Bucolic? Hippie school?

### **GRADUATION RATE & PLACEMENT RATE**

- What is the graduation rate for the school?
- What is the graduation rate for my child's department?
- Is there a career services department?
- Does the school have success in getting graduates jobs AND/OR into medical, law, or other graduate programs?