

How to Find Your

PERFECT (COLLEGE) MATCH



Provided by American International College

WHERE DO I START?

Choosing a college is kind of like falling in love. When you find the right one, you just know. But it might feel a little scary or overwhelming, too.



DON'T WORRY, we're here to help you through it. The ups and downs of the college search and college admissions process will make your relationship with the college you choose even stronger.

So how do you “just know” which college is best for you? By doing a little soul-searching first. You need to know what you want before you can commit to a four-year relationship. Consider:

- **THE ENVIRONMENT.** Where are you most comfortable? Small or large classes? Urban or suburban cities? On the rugby field? In the theater? In diverse classrooms?
- **MAJORS.** What subjects do you like most? What careers interest you? What are your passions? Look for schools with majors that match your interests.
- **MONEY.** Schools vary widely in the amount of financial aid and scholarships they distribute. Ask colleges to show you how much money they'll give you.
- **YOUR FEELINGS.** Visiting a campus can make or break your relationship. You might love it. You might hate it. Listen closely to those feelings.

GOT IT? GOOD.

LET THE COLLEGE MATCHMAKING BEGIN!

THE YELLOW JACKET COLLEGE COMPATIBILITY WORKSHEET

We like you. A lot. We think we're a good fit, and we hope you have the same feelings. Use this worksheet—along with the others in this eGuide—to help you find “The One” college that’s best for you. (We hope it’s us!)

School name: American International College

School website: www.aic.edu

Where to Send Transcripts/Application Materials

Address: American International College,
Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 1000 State Street

City: Springfield

State: MA

ZIP Code: 01109

E-mail: admissions@aic.edu

About the College

Nickname: AIC

Application fee: free for you—\$0

Size (aka number of students): 1,500 undergraduate students; 1,650 graduate students

SAT code: 3002

ACT code: 1772

FAFSA code: 002114

Net Price Calculator website: www.aic.edu/netprice

Fun campus traditions: Slip ‘n Slide, ice skating rink on quad, football with “Prez,” annual cow drop

My Admission Counselor

Name:

E-mail:

Phone: 413.205.3201

Important Dates

Admission application deadline: December 1 early deadline for health science majors (OT, PT, Nursing); February 15 preferred deadline for health science majors (OT, PT, Nursing); August 25 for all other majors

Scholarship application deadline(s): None – automatically considered when you apply

FAFSA filing deadline: May 1 strongly recommended

My Impressions

Does it have my major? Yes No Not sure

How I felt on campus:

What I like about it:

What I don't like about it:

Head over heels in love

We might be compatible

Let's break up

Take It to the Next Level

Yes	No	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submitted application for admission
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submitted official transcripts
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submitted official test scores
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Added to FAFSA (learn more: studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/next-steps/correct-update)

"THE OTHER GUYS" COLLEGE COMPATIBILITY WORKSHEET

There's a saying that "you lose 100% of the shots you don't take." So take a shot on a college that you think is a sure thing or a college you think is out of your league. Make the first move. Find out what a school likes, and see if you like it, too.

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My Admission Counselor
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Important Dates
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JUST BE YOURSELF



In any relationship, it's important that you be yourself.

Be who you truly are. Figure out what you want. And go for it.

Here are a few pointers on college-search etiquette to help you prepare for your college relationship when you're a high school junior and senior.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Inquire (aka make the first move). Ask colleges you're interested in to send you info. You can do this online through the college website.
- Attend college fairs. A good tip: print out labels with your contact info (name, address, email and phone number) so you don't have to fill out so many information cards!
- Take the SAT or ACT.
- Brainstorm (but don't write) your personal essay topic.
- Visit college campuses.

FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- Take the SAT or ACT (if you haven't already).
- Write your personal essay.
- Ask your teachers to write letters of recommendation (ask them early—they'll appreciate it!).
- Submit your application for admission (the earlier, the better).
- Request copies of your high school transcripts.
- Save up money to pay the enrollment and housing deposits.

SPRING OF SENIOR YEAR

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (aka FAFSA—the single-most important thing you can do to get financial aid).
- Make your decision—follow your heart (and the financial aid money).
- Commit to your perfect college match (aka submit your deposit and housing application).
- Celebrate—you're going to college!

"I wouldn't be the person I am now if I didn't go to AIC."

Bryce Neff, psychology major



AIC QUICK FACTS

We know you have other options, so here are a few more things we think you should know about us.

TYPE: *Four-year, private liberal arts college*

LOCATION: *Springfield, Mass. (birthplace of Dr. Seuss, the game of basketball, and home to The Big E)*

CAMPUS: *25 buildings, 52 acres*



ENROLLMENT: *1,500 undergraduate students; 1,650 graduate students*

MAJORS: *36 majors, plus pre-professional programs*

STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO: *14 to 1*

ACCREDITATION: *New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.*

ATHLETICS: *20 NCAA Division II teams and 1 NCAA Division I team (ice hockey), plus cheerleading, rugby, club sports, and intramurals*

MASCOT: *Yellow Jackets*



SCHOLARSHIPS: *athletic and academic*

FINANCIAL AID: *grants, federal student loans, work-study*

ACADEMIC EXTRAS: *academic tutors, writing tutors, iPad lab, ACE Program for first-generation colleges students, honors program, supportive learning services for students with diagnosed learning disabilities*



Are you in love with us yet?

LET AIC WOO YOU.

SCHEDULE YOUR
CAMPUS VISIT!



“The thing I enjoy most about attending AIC honestly has to be the people! I strongly feel that the people I have made connections with throughout these four years, whether it’s faculty and staff or just peers, will carry on with me for the rest of my life!”

Lydia Yohannes, marketing major

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