

# Choosing a College or University

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** This assignment requires you to compare the costs of getting a post-secondary education based on the potential career you would like to pursue. To complete the assignment, go to [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com) and enter a potential college major in the search bar. On the second screen, you may want to choose a location to narrow the search for a college or university with the major you selected. Click on one of the institutions and use the data to complete the table below. If the institution you have selected is in your home state, use the in-state tuition; if it is not in your home state, use the out-of-state tuition.

1. College or University Chosen	
2. Major Selected	
3. Is this a two-year or four-year degree at the selected institution?	
4. Application Fee	
5. Tuition	
6. Fees	
7. Add lines 5 and 6.	
8. Room and Board	
9. Room Only	
10. Add lines 7 and 8.	
11. Add lines 7 and 9.	
12. Average Financial Aid	
13. Subtract line 12 from line 7.	
14. Add lines 8 and 13.	

1. Using the average cost and financial aid for this institution, what is the amount you would pay annually in tuition and fees to attend this college or university? (Line 13)
  
2. If you chose to pay room and board to attend this college or university, what is the amount you could pay annually to attend this college or university? (Line 14)
  
3. Using those annual average costs and aid, what is the amount you would pay in tuition and fees to get your degree at this college or university? (Multiply your answer #1 by 2, if it is a two-year institution or by 4 if it is a four-year institution. NOTE: to get full cost, you may need to repeat this process for your answer in #2 to include room and board.)
  
4. Few decisions are based only on price. Review the other information on the Peterson web site in the following categories: overview, location, admissions, student body, campus life, athletics, and faculty.
  - a. List three things you like about the potential college experience at this institution: